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XCV. *A Plan for the Conduct of Female Education in Boarding Schools.* By ERASmus DARWIN, M. D. F. R. S. Author of *Zoönomia*, and of the *Botanic Garden*. 4to. pp. 127. 5s. *Drewry, Derby, and Johnson, London.*

THE WORK

WAS originally written for the use of the Miss Parkers' Boarding School, at Ashborne, and having been found to succeed in the objects of its several recommendations, has been in consequence published, stamped with the approbation, and improved by the suggestions of "many of the ingenious of both sexes." It is divided into forty sections, the general heads of which comprise observations, &c. on the Female Character—Of Music and Dancing—Reading—Writing—Grammar—Languages—Physiognomy—Arithmetic—Card-playing—Geography—History—Natural History—Rudiments of Taste—Beauty—Grace—Drawing and Embroidery—Perspective—Heathen Mythology—Polite Literature—Novels—Arts and Sciences—Morals—Compassion—Veracity—Prudence—Justice—Chastity—Fortitude—Bastfulness—Temperance—Religion—Addres—Conversation—Exercise—Dumb Bells—Air—Bed-rooms—Fire Grates

—Care of the Shape—Cold Bath—Dress—Ear-rings—Powder—Amusements—Chefs—Punishments—Rewards—Motives—Lisping—Stammering—Squinting—Involuntary Motions—Swelled Fingers, and Kibed Heels—Beds—Rheumatism—Diet—New Milk—Economy—School Education, Uses of—Catalogue of Books—Apology for the Work.

EXTRACTS.

ON CONVERSATION.

"NEXT to the winning manners above described, the art of pleasing in conversation seems to consist in two things; one of them to hear well; and the other to speak well. The perpetual appearance of attention, and the varying expression of the countenance of the hearer to the sentiments or passions of the speaker, is a principal charm in conversation; to be well heard and accurately understood, encourages our companions to proceed with pleasure, whatever may be the topics of their discourse.

"Those, who have been educated at schools, and have learnt the knowledge of physiognomy from their playfellows in their early years, understand the pleasurable or painful feelings of all with whom they converse, often even before their words are finished; and, by thus immediately conforming the expression of their own features to the sensations of the speaker, become the interesting and animated

animated companions above described, which is seldom seen in those educated in private families; and which, as before observed, gives a preference to school education.

" To speak agreeably in respect to manner, consists in a voice clear, yet not loud; soft, yet not plaintive; with distinct articulation, and with graceful attitudes rather than with graceful actions; as almost every kind of gesticulation is disagreeable. In respect to the matter it should be such, as coincides with the tastes or pursuits of those, to whom the conversation is addressed. From hence it will appear, that both to hear well, and to speak well, requires an extensive knowledge of things, as well as of the tastes and pursuits of mankind; and must therefore ultimately be the effect of a good education in general, rather than a particular article of it.

" There are, however, faults to be avoided, and cautions to be observed, in the conversation of young ladies; which should be pointed out to them by the governesses of a boarding-school. Of these I shall mention first, that whenever the thirst of shining in conversation seizes on the heart, the vanity of the speaker becomes apparent; and we are disgusted with the manner, whatever may be the matter of the discourse.

" Secondly, that it is always childish, and generally ridiculous, when young people boast of their follies, or when they accuse themselves of virtues; neither of which they probably possess in the degree, which they describe. A young lady was heard to say, " I am frightened to death at the sight of a bird." And another, that she was so inconsiderate, as to give her money to the poor naked children, whom she saw in the streets in winter.

" Thirdly, they should be apprised, that there is danger in speaking ill even of a bad person; both because they may have been misinformed, and because they should judge their neighbours with charity. A friend of mine was once asked by a young man how he could distinguish, whether the lady, whom he meant to address, was good tempered; and gave this answer: " When any dubious accusation is brought in conversation against an absent person; if she always inclines to believe the

worst side of the question, she is ill-tempered." There are some nice distinctions on this subject of good-nature, delivered in Lady Pennington's *Advice to her Daughters*, p. 89, which are worth a young lady's attention.

" Fourthly, that it is dangerous for a young lady to speak very highly in praise even of a deserving man; for if she extols his actions, she will seem to give herself the importance of a judge, and her determinations will sometimes be called in question, and to command highly the person of a man, is in general estimation inconsistent with the delicacy of the sex at any age.

" Fifthly, young ladies should be advised not to accustom themselves to the use of strong asseverations, or of a kind of petty oaths, such as " upon my honour," in their conversation; nor often to appeal to others for the truth of what they affirm; since all such strong expressions and appeals derogate somewhat from the character of the speaker; as they give an intimation, that she has not been usually believed on her simple assertion.

" Sixthly, laughing vehemently aloud, or tittering with short shrieks, in which some young ladies, who have left school, indulge themselves at cards or other amusements, are reprehensible; as their dignity of character must suffer by appearing too violently agitated at trivial circumstances.

" Seventhly, an uniform adherence to sincerity in conversation is of the first importance; as without it our words are but empty sounds, and can no more interest our companions than the tinkling of a bell. No artificial polish of manners can compensate for the apparent want of this virtue, nor any acquirements of knowledge for the reality of the want of it. Hence though the excesses of blame or praise of the actions of others may be imprudent or improper in the conversation of young ladies; as mentioned in the third and fourth articles of this section; yet in these, as in all other kinds of conversation, their opinions should be given with truth, if given at all; but when the characters of others are concerned, they should be delivered with diffidence and modesty.

" Lastly, if at any time any improper discourse should be addressed

to young ladies, which has a tendency to vice, immorality, or irreligion, they should be taught to express a marked disapprobation both in words and countenance. So great is the power of the softer sex in meliorating the characters of men, that, if such was their uniform behaviour, I doubt not, but that it would much contribute to reform the morals of the age; an event devoutly to be wished, and which would contribute much to their own happiness.

" To these might be added many other observations from the writers on female education, concerning a due respect in conversation to superiors, good temper to equals, and condescension to inferiors. But as young ladies are not expected to speak with the wisdom or precision of philosophers; and as the careless cheerfulness of their conversation, with simplicity of manner, and with the grace, ease, and vivacity natural to youth, supplies it with its principal charms; these should be particularly encouraged, as there are few artificial accomplishments, which could compensate for the loss of them."

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ON PUNISHMENTS, REWARDS, AND MOTIVES.

" IT is the custom of many schools to use some kinds of punishments, which either give pain or disgrace to the delinquent, as a fool's cap, or a meal of water gruel. The use of these are seldom if ever necessary in schools for young ladies, and are always attended with disagreeable consequences, as they either diminish the character of honour in the punished persons, sink their spirits, or render them insensible to the opinions of others; or injure their health: insomuch that at some schools all that can be acquired can scarcely compensate the loss of cheerfulness, and degradation of mind, or bad health, which their punishments produce.

" Thus the sitting in the public school for an hour, in a cap with bells, diminishes the sensibility of a child to the opinions of her companions, and thus gradually destroys one of the greatest motives to good actions, and of the greatest restraints from bad ones. For the same reason, reprimands, and even admonitions, should

be always applied in private, but applause or reward in public.

" A meal of water gruel, given as a punishment instead of a meal of animal food, so frequently had recourse to in some boarding schools, I believe to have laid the foundation of incurable debility. The diseases of debility, as scrophula, bronchocele, softness of bones, and the consequent distortion of them, are very common among the children of the poor in Derby, which on examination, I believe to be owing to their food consisting chiefly of gruel; or sometimes with milk, which has been twice skimmed, so that it is totally deprived of its most nourishing part; at other times with weak salt broth, but seldom with solid animal food. When broth is weak in respect to the quantity of flesh meat boiled in it, it is the custom of cooks to add much salt to it, to increase the relish, which renders it still more injurious to weak children; as salt contains no nourishment, and by its stimulus increases the action of the system; and by promoting great insensible or sensible perspiration, diminishes the strength of the child more, than the small quantity of meat dissolved in the broth can counterbalance.

" 2. How then are refractory children to be governed? certainly by the superiority of the mind of the teacher over that of the pupil. When a famous lady in Italy was put to the torture, and questioned by what forcery she had governed a prince of the family of Medici, she answered, ' by no forcery, but by that power which superior minds possess over inferior ones.'

" 3. Besides the two circumstances, which so much govern the great world, I mean hope of reward and fear of punishment; in the microcosm of a boarding school blame and praise, if given very sparingly, will be found strong motives to the little pupils to perform their tasks well, and of more efficacy, ten times, than the meal of water gruel, or the disgrace of a cap and bells. Esteem and disgrace are observed by Mr. Locke to be of all others the most powerful incentives to the mind, when once it is brought to regard them: and if once you can communicate to children a love of credit, and an apprehension of shame, you have instilled into them a principle,

inciple, which will constantly act, and incline them to do right, though it is not the true source from whence our actions ought to spring; which should be from our duty to others and to ourselves.—See *Essay on Education*, sec. 56, &c., where are many other valuable observations on this subject.

“4. Emulation at seeing others excel, if properly managed, is another incitement to industry. But as this is liable to degenerate into envy, it should rather be left to its own operation, than be promoted by pointing out the examples, which should be copied. It is better to say, ‘your task is not done to-day so well as you sometimes do it,’ than to say, ‘your task is not done so well as your sister’s.’ Since in the latter case envy, and its consequence hatred, may succeed; a thing of tenfold worse consequence than the neglect of a thousand tasks.

“5. Though some degree of flattery may be used with success in teaching veracity to very young children, as mentioned in sect. 18. of this work, yet I think it should be used very rarely indeed, and only on very important occasions, lest it should become a necessary motive of action, instead of moral duty; as observed in *Zoonomia*, vol. II. clas. iii. 2. 1. 8. ‘The debility of the exertion of voluntary efforts prevents the accomplishment of all the great purposes of life. This often originates from a mistaken education; in which pleasure or vanity is made the immediate motive of action, and not future advantage, or what is termed duty. This observation is of great value to those, who attend to the early education of their own children.’

“I have seen one or two young married ladies of fortune, who perpetually became uneasy, and believed themselves ill, a week after their arrival in the country, and continued so uniformly during their stay; yet on their return to London or to Bath immediately lost all their complaints; and this I observed to happen to them repeatedly. All which I was led to ascribe to their being in their infancy surrounded with menial attendants, who had flattered them into the exertions which they then used. And that in their mature years they be-

came torpid for the want of this stimulus, and could not amuse themselves by any voluntary employment, but required ever after to be flattered into activity, or to be amused by others.’

“6. Rewards have been given to children to excite their industry in the performance of particular tasks; these are certainly less eligible motives to action than the fear of disgrace, the love of reputation, and above all, the obligations of duty. Where nevertheless, these are thought proper, the kind of rewards requires some attention; which should consist of books, or maps, or boxes of colours, or needle-cases; but not of money, or of trinkets for ornamental dress, or of a glass of wine. Where money is given as a reward for industry in children, it may seem to them to be the proper motive of their actions instead of reputation or of duty; and may thus induce the vice of avarice or of extravagance. Where a fine cap or gown is given as a reward of diligence, the pride of dress may be produced, and become their great motive of action, instead of the love of reputation, or of duty. And lastly, where a glass of wine is given as a reward for industry, a child is taught to believe wine to be a most valuable acquisition, and a perpetual desire of it, even to intoxication, may be the consequence. I remember a wealthy farmer, who had two drunken sons, though he was a sober man himself, who told me, that he ascribed this great misfortune to his having occasionally given them in their early life a cup of ale as a reward for their exertions. See *Locke on Education*, sect. 52, &c.

“7. A very accurate observer, who has long had the conduct of schools of various kinds for the instruction of the youth of both sexes, acquaints me, ‘That he has often with extreme surprise observed a child make a greater progress in some one branch of education in three months, than another of similar age, opportunity, capacity, and even apparently of equal application, has been able to effect in three years.’ The same observation has been made by others, but he adds, ‘That this might probably arise from some trivial circumstance, which determined the inclination of the fortunate student; and

and that it is possible that the means may sometime be discovered of governing these incidents, and thus producing a new era in the art of education!"

Similar to this, it has often been observed, that the first impressions made on our infant minds by accidental disgust, admiration, or flattery, are the frequent causes of our antipathies or aversions, and continue through life to bias our affections or mislead our judgments. One of my acquaintance can trace the origin of many of his own energies of action from some such remote sources; which justifies the observation of M. Rousseau, that the seeds of future virtues or vices are oftener sown by the mother than by the tutor."

" are GREW, MALPIGHI, LINNÆUS, PLENCK, DU HAMEL, HALES, JACQUIN, HEDWIG, INGENHOUZE, WINDENOW, USSLER, and others. To the labours of these writers I am greatly indebted, and ingenuously declare, that from them I have extracted many interesting passages.

" At the end is subjoined a general Analogy between the Animal and Vegetable kingdoms. In doing this, I have consulted and benefited by the remarks of the most celebrated writers on the subject; particularly BUFFON and BONNET, to whose extensive and learned observations the reader is recommended for further information."

XCVI. *Observations on the Structure and Economy of Plants*: to which is added, the Analogy between the Animal and the Vegetable Kingdom. By ROBERT HOOPER, of Pembroke College, Oxford, M. D. F. L. M. S. and Fellow of the Linnean Society. 8vo. pp. 129. 3s. *Fletcher, Oxford; Rivingtons, Murray and Higley, London.*

INTRODUCTION.

" THE following Observations are of an elementary nature, and principally intended for those who have not made the subject their particular study. I have therefore selected such useful information, and elementary intelligence, as may enable the reader to view this department of animated nature with pleasure and advantage; and rather than satisfactorily gratify curiosity, have endeavoured to excite it.

" The writers who have described with the greatest accuracy the anatomy and physiology of plants,

OUTLINE OF THE WORK.

Of the structure of plants in general—Of the trunk—root—leaves—flower—Of the vessels and their fluids—elements, principles, external qualities, native place, and use of plants—their natural functions—viz. absorption of nutriment—nutrition—growth or increase—secretion of the humours and transpiration—Of the vital functions, as vitality, respiration, motion of the humours and generation of heat—Of the animal actions in general of the automatic motion, sleep and watching of plants—Of the sexual functions—Mellification of the pistil—Marriage of plants—Fecundation of the seed—Generation of an hybride, and parturition of plants—Age, natural death, and putrefaction of vegetables—Analogy between animals and vegetables, upon principles deduced from parallels between the seed and the egg—the bud and the fetus—and their respective nutrition, growth, fecundation, death, &c. &c.

EXTRACT.

PARALLEL BETWEEN THE PRODUCTION OF ANIMALS AND VEGETABLES.

CHAP. II.

Of the Seed.

“ THE seed, when vivified by the pollen of the male, is capable of producing a plant.

“ The seed, thus impregnated, is an organized body, inclosing under various coverings more or less thick, the plant in miniature.

“ A glutinous, spongy substance, of a whitish colour, and more or less fluid in consistence, forms the internal structure of the seed. In this substance are found very small vessels, arising from every part, and running in every direction.

“ The seed, when put into the earth, by means of its vital principle, swells; the action of the vessels is induced; heat is generated, and it becomes a living plant. The delicate, spongy substance supplies the vessels with a fluid, which is conveyed to the embryo, for its nourishment.

“ The plant in this manner begins to be developed, and gradually and insensibly increases in size. The coverings, unable to resist the pressure, give way, and the radicle having penetrated the small orifice or hymen, the shell at length splits in two. The root then pierces into the earth, and absorbs from thence a more copious nourishment. The young plant now begins to rise to the surface of the earth; the leaves unfold themselves, and, strengthened by the nourishment the radicles supply, it pierces through the earth, and advances into the air, supplied with every part in miniature.

Of the Egg.

“ The egg, when vivified by the spermatic aura of the male, is capable of producing an animal.

“ The egg, thus impregnated, is an organized body, containing under various tunics, thicker or thinner, the animal in miniature.

“ Aropy, gelatinous liquid, more or less fluid in consistence, occupies its inside, and small vessels are seen spreading around it in every direction.

“ The egg, when warmed by nature or by art, by means of its vital principle, is stimulated to action; the vessels begin to contract and dilate, the animal becomes a living creature, and is supplied with a nutritious fluid from the gelatinous substance it contains.

“ The animal thus becomes insensibly and gradually increased in size, the different parts are unfolded, and at length it occupies the whole of the egg, having exhausted its nutritious substance. Nature has by this time furnished it with instruments, by which it breaks the surrounding shell, and in a little time sets itself at liberty. The animal is now produced, enjoys a new life, and has, concealed in miniature, every part it at any future period may expose.

CHAP. III.

Of the Bud.

“ The bud lies concealed in the body of the tree, between the barks.

“ In the beginning it is extremely small, and covered (in a similar manner to the seed) with the bark of the tree.

“ It then sends forth very delicate and small vessels, which inoculate with those of the trunk, and absorb from them the sap, which it conveys to every part for its nourishment.

Of the Fœtus.

“ The fœtus lies hid in the body of the animal, within the uterus.

“ At first it is extremely minute, and is inclosed in membranes in a similar manner to an egg.

“ In a short time it attaches itself to the mother by means of the small vessels of the placenta, which absorb the blood, and convey it to the child for its nourishment.

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" When arrived at a certain size within the trunk, it penetrates and protrudes through the bark into the air.

" At its first appearance it pushes the coverings before it, but soon rup-tures them.

" The bud then unfolds itself, and in a little time exhibits the perfect plant in miniature; and derives its nourishment from the tree until it be torn or cut off, and placed in the ground.

" From what has been said in the two preceding chapters, the PRINCIPLES which follow are deduced.

" I. That the mucilaginous gluten in the cotyledon of the seed, is to the vegetable the same as the gelatinous fluid in the egg is to the animal.

" II. That the vessels of the cotyledon of the seed are for the same purpose as those of the cotyledons and placenta of animals.

" III. That both the seed and egg produce the plant and animal by a development of pre-existing parts.

" IV. That the root is to the plant what the intestines are to the animal.

" V. That the seed is to the vegetable that which the egg is to the animal.

" VI. That the bud of the vegetable is to it what the fetus is to the animal.

" VII. That the bark of a tree is to the bud what the uterus of the animal is to the fetus.

" VIII. That the vessels of the bud which inosculate with the trunk of the tree are to the bud what those of the placenta and cotyledons are to animals.

" IX. That the protrusion of the bud through the barks of the tree is the birth of a plant, and is to the vegetable what labour is to animals."

" When all the necessary parts are developed, and the fetus has acquired a certain bulk, it brings on labour, and an animal is born.

" At the beginning of labour the membranes protrude, but are soon broken.

" The young animal is, at this time, unable to seek for food itself; the mother, therefore, either gives it herself, or procures some for it.

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favour of the work by Sir Brook Boothby, Bart. and Dr. Erasmus Darwin, of Derby; which letter the authoress hopes " will secure " her from the charge of temerity " in presenting her work to the public, which she does with unfeigned disdaine."

THE BOTANICAL DIALOGUES

Are divided in two parts—the first contains five dialogues, the second six—a very extensive analysis of the whole is given at the commencement of the work, on so large a scale indeed that we lament our inability to give more, consistently with our limits, than an epitome of that again—the very diffuse branches of the subjects treated on in Part the first are grafted on the following fundamental principles of botany—viz.—Explanation of the seven parts of fructification—Dissection of flowers; elucidation of the different kinds of fulera and inflorescence—System of Linneus explained—The different classes of flowers, and their orders examined.

Part II. treats of the genera of plants—nectaries of ditto—investigation of different genera of one house and two houses, of ferns—Of mosses, flags, and fungi—Of the grasses, their specific distinctions, &c. &c.

THE WORK

Is embellished and explained by eleven copper-plates, the different bot-

XCVII. Botanical Dialogues between Hortensia and her four Children, Charles, Harriet, Juliette, and Henry; designed for the Use of Schools. By a LADY. 8vo. pp. 335. boards. 7s. 6d. Johnson.

THE ADVERTISEMENT

ANNOUNCES a recommenda-tory letter, jointly written in

botanical subjects in each of which are made clear to the conception by a page of particular references. A part of the first or introductory dialogue will give a better idea of the value and utility of the work than any farther analytical comments on our part.

EXTRACT.

OF FRUCTIFICATION.

"Charles. Pray, ma'am, explain to us the term *fructification*.

"*Horten.* Linneus defines it to be a temporary part of vegetables dedicated to germination; that is, all the parts of the blossom, which are intended for the production and preservation of the seed, and which, having brought that to perfection, wither and fall off. All these parts, however, are not essential to the production of perfect seed, as we shall see hereafter, or are all these parts present in every flower. There are *seven parts of fructification*. 1st, the *calyx*; 2d, the *corol*; 3d, the *stamen*; 4th, the *pistil*; 5th, the *pericarp*; 6th, the *seed*; 7th, the *receptacle*. The *calyx* is the termination of the outward bark of a plant; of it there are seven kinds: it generally appears in the form of a green cup; its chief use is to enclose, support, and protect the other parts of the fructification. The first and most common kind of *calyx* is the *Perianth*; it is placed immediately under the flower, which is enclosed in it, as in a cup; *primroses* (*primula*) and *roses* (*rosa*) have their *calyxes* of the *Perianth* kind. 2d, *Involure*, which is a *calyx*, growing at a distance from the flower. Most flowers which have *Involucres* have also *Perianths*, as the *primula* genus. These slender leaves, which grow at the base of the numerous flower-stems of this *polyanthus*, (which is a *primula*) are termed *Involucres*; the same in *meadia dodecaphalon*, in *parsley*, *apium*, and all that tribe of plants which is termed *umbellated*. The plant called *fool's parsley*, *athusa*, by eating of which, mistaking it for garden *parsley*, some persons have been said to be poisoned, may be distinguished from all other *umbellated* plants by the *Involucres*, which belong to the small *umbels*, and which consist of three long, narrow, pendulous leaves, placed at the bot-

tom of each of them: these are called *partial Involucres*; that which grows at the base of the whole collection of *umbels* is termed the *general Involucrum*. 3d, *Glume* chiefly belongs to *grasses*, and consists of one, two, three, or more valves, folding over each other like scales, and frequently terminated by a long stiff-pointed *prickle*, called the *Awn*, or *beard*. 4th, *Ament* is, what is commonly called a *catkin*; it consists of a great number of chaffy scales, dispersed along a slender thread, or *receptacle*, and has obtained the name of *catkin* from its resemblance to a cat's tail. These *Aments* (we must no longer call them *catkins*) are composed both of male and female flowers; what *Henry* calls *goslings* in spring are the *Aments* of the *willow tree*; his *green goslings* are female *Aments*, and, when mature, have the appearance of little tufts of wool, which appearance is caused by the downy material that crowns their seeds; his *yellow ones* are the males, and derive their beautiful *yellow colour* from the tips of the *stamens*, which contain a dust ready to fly and to fertilize the seeds of the *pistils*. This you will better understand presently. The female *Aments* of the *birch* (*Bétula*) are beautiful; the tips, we have not yet learnt their scientific name, being of a bright *crimson*, and the other part of a *light green*. The female bloom of *nut trees* is also very pretty, but so minute as generally to escape common observation.

"*Jul.* O mamma, is it that pretty red tassel that looks like *ravellings* of *crimson silk*? *Henry* and I admired it yesterday, but did not gather it; for he said, perhaps it might be the *nut*, for that you had told him, that the *catkins* only made the *nuts* perfect, and did not themselves *produce* nuts.

"*Horten.* He was right; but remember in future to use the terms of the science that you are learning. The 5th species of *calyx*, called a *Spathe*, wraps round the flower or flowers contained in it, till they are strong enough no longer to require its protection, and then they burst forth. Sometimes the *Spathe* consists of one piece, as you may see in the *snow-drop*, *galanthus nivalis*, and *daffodil*, *narcissus pseudo-narcissus*, and in most plants which have this kind

kind of calyx; sometimes of two, as in the Japan lily, *amaryllis formosissima*; and sometimes of many. I have frequently seen you pull off the Spathes of snow-drops and daffodils, and have heard you call them Indian paper, which they much resemble in their texture. 6th, Calyptra is the term for the calyx of mosses. Calyptra is defined by Linneus to be the cowled calyx of moss, covering the anther; which definition strongly expresses this species of calyx; it may, however, be necessary to give you some more familiar idea: the calyptra resembles a very small extinguisher of a candle, which covers the flower of moss, and protects its dust, or seed, from injury: in Mr. Curtis's London Flora I can show you some beautiful specimens of this kind of calyx; in November and December I can show you the calyx itself.

"Charles. This, Harriet, will make our walks in winter entertaining. How carelessly we have often passed by the moss bank in the wood, and complained that there were no flowers!

"Horten. In the study of nature you may at all times find both amusement and instruction; the nice economy of all her works must lead the mind with praise and gratitude to God, who is the first great cause of all: that person must have a dull, sluggish mind, who, seeing the care that is taken throughout the creation, for the good of the whole, is not stimulated to an endeavour to perform his part as an individual; and it is much that an individual may perform, be he ever so insignificant, if he do all the good, that the situation in which he is placed brings within his power.—But to return to our 7th and last species of calyx: Volve is the term used by Linneus for the calyx of funguses, which, when we come to that tribe of plants, may be more fully explained. We will examine the different kinds of calyxes given in this plate, and the calyxes of such flowers as are now in bloom, and then proceed to the other parts of fructification. The Corol is that part of a flower which most attracts our notice, consisting generally of beautifully coloured leaves. Linneus says, that it is formed from the inner rind of the plant, as the calyx is from the outer; its leaves are called Petals, which term pray remember, as it is necessary

to prevent confusion betwixt the green leaves of a plant and the coloured ones of the flower. By the number, division, and shape of the Petals, the different kinds of Corols are distinguished; a Corol is called one-petaled, when it consists only of one piece; two, three, or more petalled, according to the number of pieces of which it is composed. What would you call this Polyanthus flower?

"Har. I should call it five-petaled.

"Charles. So should I, if I only looked at the top; but I do not know what to call the part which the five round leaves grow from.

"Horten. The polyanthus is a one-petaled flower, though, on the first view, from its divisions round the margin, it appears to consist of five petals. The best way of knowing whether a flower consist of one or more petals is, to try to take them off all together; the one-petaled flowers, be their divisions ever so deep, have their petals united together at the base, forming a tube, sometimes very short, but long in polyanthus, as you may see by taking off the petal. In flowers of many petals they are fixed by the claw to different parts of the fructification, which circumstance is frequently of use in distinguishing one flower from another. Linneus has availed himself of it in his formation of the genera, or families of plants. The various shapes of the corol are also of great use in this particular, and therefore should be accurately understood; a more clear idea may be given by plates than by description. I will enumerate the various kinds, and then we will look them over in our plates, and compare them with flowers. There are seven different forms of the corol: bell-form, of which there are great varieties; funnel-form; falver-form; wheel-form; cross-form; gaping and grinning corols, which may be considered as different kinds of the same form; and papilionaceous, or butterfly-form, which belongs to the pea-bloom, or lupine tribe of flowers. There is an eighth form, which does not belong to any of these that I have mentioned, and is properly called an irregular flower; of this kind are the monkshood (*aconitum napellus*), violet (*viola*), larkspur (*delphinium*), orchis, and fraxinella (*dictamnus*).

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Campánula is an instance of the bell-form; of the funnel-form, henbane (*hyoscyamus*) and oleander (*nérium*); of the salver-form, periwinkle (*vinca*); of the wheel-form, mullein (*verbáicum*), and pimpernel (*anagális*); the croſs-form may be ſeen in wall-flower (*cheiránthus*), and in candy-tuft (*ibéris*), and consists of four petals nearly equal, and ſpread at the top upon claws, the length of the calyx, in form of croſs. The butterfly-form is ſeen in peas; the gaping and grinning in white archangel (*lámium*), and snap-dragon (*antirrhínium*).

“ *Henry.* I often make snap-dragons grin at Juliette; they look very like a mouth, when I ſqueeze them; I never thought peas like butter-flies.

“ *Horæn.* The reſemblance is not very exact, though more ſo on examination than at the firſt view. There is another part of the fructification, which Linneus conſiders as belonging to the corol, and to which he firſt gave a name; this is the Nectary, to he has called that part where-in the honey is found, from the fan-tied reſemblance to the fabled liquor of the gods, concerning which you remember that we were reading yester-day. The Nectary frequently makes a part of the corol, but as frequently is diſtinct from it: in honeysuckle (*lonicéra*) you have often taſted the sweet drops at the bottom of its tube, and alſo in cowslips (*prímula*), I could amuse you on this ſubject, but at preſent it is ſufficient to inform you, that there is ſuch a part belonging to moſt if not to all flowers.

“ *Harriet.* We will be very diligent in learning the rudiments of the ſcience, that we may ſooner come to the amuſement of it. I long to diſfect a flower.

“ *Horæn.* That you may ſoon do, if you are attentive. A moſt eſſential part of fructification is the *ſlamen*; as by it the fine duft, or powder, is prepared, which makes the feeds capable of producing young plants. The Stamen conſists of three parts, the Filament, the Anther, and the Duft. The Filament is the thread on which the Anther grows; the Anther is that part, which you have hitherto often wronglly called the feed; it contains the Duft, and, when ripe, burſts and ſcatters it abroad for

the uſe to which nature has deſtined it. You have often ſeen it fly about nettles (*urtica*), and the ſweet gale (*myrica*). Nature has guarded with nice care this precious duſt, as on its preſervation depends the continuation of the ſpecies. The apparatus, by which in many flowers it is defended from injury, is very curiouſ, and often gives a ſingular appearance to the corol. In wet years, it ſometimes happens, that the excefſ of moſture cauſes the anthers to burſt, before their contents are ripe, and thus we loſe our cherries and apples. It has been ſuppoſed, that the anthers were preſerved from harm, in rainy ſeafons, by a fine waxy ſubſtance encloſing their contents. This idea was beſtived by Reaumur to be erroneous ſome years ago, and the experiments of the late Mr. John Hunter conſirm his opinion. Mr. Hunter afſirms, that the ſubſtance gathered by bees from the anthers of flowers is not wax, as is generally ſuppoſed, but that it is collected by them as food for the bee-maggots, and is what you call the bee-bread. A part no leſs important is the Pifil, as it con-tains the feed which is to be fertilized by this Duft. The Pifil alſo conſists of three parts, the Germ, the Style, and the Stigma. Germ is the term for that part which contains the feeds before they are mature; when mature, the ſame part takes the name of Pericarp. The Style is that ſmall pillar which grows from the Germ, the top of which is called the Stigma. This part is of great importance, as it re-ceives the Duft of the Anthers, and conveys it through the fine veſſels of the Style to the feed contained in the Germ. Indeed the Anther and Stigma are by Linneus conſidered as the eſſential parts of a flower, and in the language of botany they conſtitute one; theſe parts being preſent are ſufficient to the production of fruit, without them there can be none: the preſence of the Stigma implies that of the Germ, as the Anther does of the Duft: there is however another part, which the late inveſti-gations of a celebrated philosopher ſeem to make an eſſential one; this is the Nectary; from his reaſoning it appears, that the honey contained in it is intended for the nouriſhment of the Anthers and Stigmas; confe-ſuently whenever theſe are found, it will

will be found also, as I believe it commonly is, though some flowers are said to be without it; this, however, may not be the case, as the part in question had not even a name before the time of Linneus, and the world is yet only conjecturing about its use.

"*Jul.* I thought the honey had been for the bees, mamma? Can flowers eat?

"*Horten.* That enquiry does not belong to the present part of our study; but I will so far tell you, that I mean to make my favourite flowers not only beautiful objects of sight, but agreeable companions: before I have done with them they shall eat, drink, sleep, and have a will of their own.

"*Henry.* O, dear mamma, then you must have a fairy wand?

"*Horten.* I shall use no magic art; and, I assure you, I am not in jest. I do not tell you that I shall make them of the first order of animals, but, I think, I can convince you that they deserve a place among the animated creation." *P. 5.*

" genuine name and his family: " We do not, however, by any " means wish to wound the feelings " of the latter: but, though digni- " fied, they must tacitly acknow- " ledge, that a private pang is be- " neath consideration, when con- " trasted with the welfare of that " giddy part of mankind, who stand " most in need of precept and ex- " ample."

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ACCOUNT OF THE BURGLARIES COMMITTED BY THE COUNT.

“ FROM the sentence, published by authority of the Court, it appears, that the culprit, on his arrival in Rotterdam, December 1, 1795, took up his first lodgings at a tavern called the Doeie; and, January 2, 1796, set off for the Hague, with a design to rob an inn which he had formerly used there, known by the name of the Stads Herberg. He was induced to this journey, it seems, by recollecting the situation of a certain bureau, in which gold and silver were usually kept; and, notwithstanding the time which

which had since elapsed, he contrived to pay it a private visit in the night between twelve and four o'clock, having entered at a chamber-window, after miraculously climbing over several out-houses, &c. in the dark. Being thus within the house, he broke open the said bureau by means of a mallet which he had provided for the purpose, and from thence stole sixty silver-handled knives and forks, six tea-spoons, a silver snuff-box, a bag containing six hundred gulden, one of five hundred and eight gulden, one of three hundred and seventy-six gulden, one with some few half and whole gulden, and several plate-handled knives and forks, which he took for silver; but these he left in a stable, as he returned, having discovered his mistake by their weight. Thus successful, he set off for Rotterdam at six in the morning, went home to the Doeple on the same day, concealed these valuable articles in his trunk, and changed the gulden, with a Jew, for gold.

" Next day, passing along the High-street, the culprit's attention was arrested at the chinking of money, opposite the counting-house of a large soap-manufactory, called the Elephant. In consequence of this, he marked the said house for his second essay. Having digested the plan, and provided himself with every necessary implement to accomplish his design, he took lodgings, on the 4th of January, at an inn called the St. Lucas, situate within five or six doors of the manufactory. At one o'clock in the morning he left his bed-chamber, softly proceeded to the garret, and without possessing any knowledge of the obstacles which lay in his way, or the local situation of the premises, climbed over the gutter and the intervening roofs, by means of a rope. Arriving at the garret window of the manufactory with no little danger, he forcibly broke it open, and thus got within-side. The first object which met his view (for he had this time provided himself with a candle), was several chests and coffers, in the upper part of the house; five or six of these he broke open; but seeing they contained nothing but cloaths and piece-goods, he directed his course towards the counting-house on the ground floor, violently forcing open several doors and boxes as he passed. Having

reached the desired spot with great difficulty, he there also surmounted every impediment which bolts and locks presented, and finally collected the sum of one thousand and eighty gulden, in various coins: he likewise took out the silver buckles of a pair of shoes which lay in his way, and these, with the before-mentioned cash, he tied up in his pocket hand-kerchief, retreating, by means of his rope or ropes, with the celerity of an accomplished mariner. Thus, at six in the morning, he securely entered his chamber, with his apparatus and his plunder, no person entertaining the smallest idea that he had been absent. In an hour or two afterwards he quitted this lodging, discharged his bill, and repaired immediately to the Doeple, where he hid the stolen property, as before. To account for his absence the preceding night, he said it was his custom to sup out late, and that therefore the family must never sit up purposely for him. He again sold the gulden to a Jew for Louis d'or, and entered the translaction, as to amount, in his pocket-book.

" The culprit undertook his third enterprize in the night of January 12 and 13, which proved equally successful. In this instance he fixed on a warehouse, situated in a street called the Rijstuin, where he had observed an office that was used for money transactions. To facilitate his plan, he engaged a lodging adjacent to that warehouse, arose in the night, as before, braved the same dangers of egress and ingress, triumphed over every obstacle within-side in the most outrageous manner, and finally arrived again in his apartment at five o'clock, with different coin to the amount of three hundred and forty gulden. He then went to bed, and lay till half past six, when, paying his bill, he set off for the Doeple, placed the new accumulation of spoil in security, and afterwards, according to invariable custom, exchanged it with an Israelite.

" Flushed with success, the culprit immediately projected a fourth undertaking; and, on the 14th of January, took a passage for Amsterdam, with intent to rob the house of Anthony Kaa, master of a tavern called the Lifeltsche Bybel, situated in Walmoe-street. In the course of his travels, some few years since, he

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had lodged at that house, and then observed the place in which Mr. Kaa usually deposited his money. On the 25th of January he reached Amsterdam; and, early in the evening, skulked into the tavern, gained the garret unperceived, and there lay perdu till one in the morning, when all assumed the stillness of that solitary hour. He then found his way to the landlord's bureau, broke it open with a mallet which he had contrived to purchase the day preceding, and took from thence six bags of Dutch sixpences, each the value of two hundred and seventy-five guldens; a bag containing ryks-dollars, to the amount of two hundred guldens; another, with mixed coin, amounting to three hundred guldens; a box of pocket pieces, and a gold and a silver watch. With all this property, which was of no inconsiderable weight, he got into the street at six o'clock, having gently opened the front-door. In an adjoining street, however, he was taken into custody by some patroles, and conducted to the guard-houle, it being there unlawful to carry money so early in the morning. Notwithstanding the imminent danger which attended this unforeseen occurrence, the culprit assumed an air of perfect tranquillity, and requested his dismissal as a favour, saying that he had pressing occasion to be with his property in the Hague at twelve o'clock the same day. Unusual as this request was, he nevertheless succeeded in its object; and sometimes travelling in the water-conveyances peculiar to Holland, at others in a post-chaise, through Harlem and Leyden, he reached Rotterdam in seven or eight hours, and then for the first time took up his quarters at a well-known tavern, called the Marshal Turenne.

" The fifth, and last, burglary was committed on the 22d of January, attended by circumstances as extraordinary as any of those already detailed. Previous to this, however, the culprit moved from the Marshal Turenne to another tavern, or inn, named the Groot Schipperhuis.—Walking one night before the door of his former lodging, the Doe, where a concert was at that time performing, he then first thought of robbing the tavern. The key of an adjoining alley was then in his possession, and

which he had purloined some time before, on a supposition that the booty in Rystuin-street, would be too considerable to carry into the inn at once; he had therefore designed to hide the major part in this bye-alley, for the convenience of removal. Independent of this, he possessed a perfect knowledge of the Doe's local situation. Accordingly, at one o'clock in the morning, he left his bed at the said Groot Schipperhuis, the family being then asleep, stole gently down the flairs, turned into a side parlour, the window of which he dexterously opened, and thus gained the street without being heard, although he drew down the sash when on the outside. Moonlight afterwards greatly favoured this undertaking. By means of the key before-mentioned he obtained facile entry into the avenues of the Doe, and opportunely finding a ladder, he placed it opposite a window of the house, ascended to the top, broke a pane of glass, through which introducing his hand, he opened the window, and crept into an apartment that he knew was most likely to answer his purpose. There, with the assistance of instruments which he had previously bought for the purpose, he violently broke open two chests of drawers, and stole from thence cash and articles as follow:—Sixty silver spoons, and sixty ditto forks; four large silver table-spoons; four ditto sauce-spoons; and cash of different sorts to the amount of one thousand seven hundred guldens. These were the contents of one chest. In the other he found forty-nine Louis d'ors, fifty-nine gold ducats, nine gold riders, and two Caroline pieces, all tied up in different bags. From a drawer in the said chest, or bureau, he also took a pair of ear-jewels, five ditto rings, a silver snuff-box, a gold watch with steel chain, and a pinchbeck ditto. He then divided the whole into two lots, and carried it, at twice, to the alley before-mentioned. Next, loading himself with one parcel, he proceeded along a considerable part of the city, till arriving at the Groot Schipperhuis, he again shoved open the sash, went through, and deposited his booty in the aforesaid parlour. Having thus far succeeded without obstruction, although great numbers of armed burghers and watchmen parade the streets every night, he returned

returned for the second and last parcel, and brought that also safely into the same apartment; when, shutting the window, and adjusting the curtains, he removed the booty to his chamber, unheard and unsuspected. Next day he threw away two or three of the rings, broke and disfigured others, and then, as usual, converted his silver into gold. The following Sunday, dining at the ordinary in the said Groot Schipperhuis, the conversation at table turned on this burglary, and in which he very tranquilly bore a part; more particularly when a gentleman observed, that the landlord's loss amounted to eight thousand guldens, the culprit, with no little effrontery, replied, that he did not believe it was so much." *P. 61.*

DEATH OF THE COUNT.

" NEVER shall I forget the 26th of May; the most horrid, the most gloomy, and the most solemn of all days that I had hitherto seen. With a heart supplicating for assistance, and a tranquil confidence in God, who never yet exposed me to a blith, when I placed my reliance there, I approached the Town-house. The clock struck ten as I effected my entrance, through a numerous multitude, and the civil and military guards. But with what alarm did I behold, within, a bustling throng, full of perturbation and disturbance, the true reason of which I could by no means devise, but that nevertheless, I shortly learnt, with terror incapable of augmentation, and concern that nothing could surpise.

" Scarcely five minutes before the period of which I have just spoken, the prisoner had been called; the officer, who wanted to speak with him, being then on his way to the prison. The two keepers left their seats, in order to unbolt the iron-door of his cell; and the prisoner, taking advantage of that instant, gave himself a furious thrust with a lancet on the right side of his neck, in the form of a crescent, which greatly dilated, if it did not entirely cut off, the *arteria carotis* and *vena jugularis*. The wind-pipe was entirely divided; and streams of blood issued from the wound. The unhappy youth instantaneously fainted; and, without any consciousness of existence, lay weltering in gore.

" The whole bench of justices now entered the apartment; and the letters were found which this unhappy youth had written but a few hours before, and left, in order that they might be delivered as directed after his decease. I received the three addressed to myself, as soon as they had been opened and read, at my own request. In one written to the principal officer, he gave him to understand, ' that the instrument with which he destroyed himself (and which they found lying at his side), had been given him by Alexander Medy; and that therefore he requested his keepers might neither meet with blame nor punishment, they being perfectly guiltless.' This Alexander Medy, who had been delivered up to the French garrison, and shot for murder, a few weeks before, was at first confined in the same apartment with Meyer, and even took leave of him before he went out to execution; so that there was no want of opportunity for transferring the fatal lancet. The following is a copy of the letter addressed to Dr. Van Noorden, and which was written in English:

" My dear friend Van Noorden,

" If you get my body, remember what I told you—to keep my heart for a keepsake, and put it into strong liquor. Do not forget, it was full of tender friendship! — The time approaches, when you may be in possession of it; and perhaps, at the very time when you receive this, you will be informed of more.

" Your friend,

" F. MEYER."

" Half past five,

" On the morning of my execution."

" The justices now retired, and speedily came to a resolve of hastening the execution, whatever might be the prisoner's fate; as to life or death; the surgeons having pronounced his wound incurable, and intimated that dissolution was near at hand.

" Public transactions are always liable to be canvassed by the multitude. In this instance, some commended as just, and others censured as inhuman, the conduct of the sheriffs. I am not called upon to vindicate the measures which they pursued; nor have I judicial knowledge, competent to such an investigation. But this I can assert,

assert, that *ferment* and *haste* at that moment, prevailed. The scaffold was erected; the time appointed for the execution was not far off; the populace thronged from every quarter. For some weeks past it had been known that the prisoner was of noble extraction, and busy report had contrived to embellish the circumstance. It is, however, infinitely easier to determine on what is best, in a tranquil hour, than in a moment when consternation and trouble prevail.

" According to a custom observed in Rotterdam, it is the minister's duty to conduct the condemned person up to the theatre of punishment; and the ceremony of prayer usually occurs within the sheriff's apartment, before the malefactor is led out. But, in this case the incident was so uncommon, and at the same time so horrible, that some alteration in the usual mode seemed apparently requisite. The circumstance was pregnant with ute instruction; and therefore we judged that a public discourse on the scaffold would render much more solemn the execution of a criminal, half or nearly dead, and, moreover, make such a sensible impression on the multitude, as might conduce to general benefit; especially, too, as an admonitory oration had never, hitherto, been heard from a place so well calculated to excite attention.

" And now the frightful ceremony commenced! the unfortunate malefactor, whose wound had been dressed as well as time and circumstances would permit, was rolled up in the bed-cloths, having nothing on except his shirt and breeches, and thus carried into the public court, where the body was placed in a chair, and, as nearly as possible, kept in an upright position by two turnkeys. This was a piercing spectacle! Blood yet flowed from the wound, and it had dropped, from the remotest corner of the cell, along the stairs, and to the spot where the body was then deposited. His visage was deformed and pale: convulsive twitches, and a beating heart, occasioned by the partial stoppage of circulation, shewed the existence of animal life; and a rattling in his throat, which was caused by the upright posture of the body, and that resembled a dog's howl, greatly augmented the horrors of this scene.

" The sentence, which comprised a recapitulation of the five burglaries committed by the culprit, was then read. By the time, however, that this ceremony was concluded, every symptom of animality had nearly disappeared. After this, the body, that still remained in the same chair, was carried into the sheriff's apartment, that it might be bound for exhibition on the scaffold.

" In that chamber saw I then, for the last time, this miserable youth; miserable both with relation to body and to soul; the victim of despised religion, which generated unbelief and loose voluptuousness; gave birth to crimes, and ended in punishment, disgrace, and death. Taking a last view of his pallid visage, all again came fresh to my thoughts; various ideas kept imagination afloat: a single languid twitch indicated that life was not then absolutely extinct, although feeling and consciousness was gone; blood still ran slowly from the wound: I could no longer witness the solemn preparations!

" Precisely at twelve o'clock I stepped on the scaffold, full of emotion. This singularity of circumstance, the terrors of the place, and the preparation, disconcerted me for a moment; but recovering in a short time, I beckoned for silence to the multitude. The principal officer (or Judge), the sheriffs (who on trials preface also as judges), and the secretary, followed. Having placed themselves by me, close to the front railing, I delivered, under every attendant disadvantage, a discourse to the people: the circumstances, the feelings of my heart, the importance of the object gave me sufficient energy.

" I did not witness the remaining part of the ceremony, and must therefore forego detail it from the report of others.

" After my departure, the whole bench of justices, agreeably to custom, placed themselves at the windows, which commanded a perfect view of the scaffold. The shivering and convulsed body was brought forth, wrapped up in a blanket, which being opened, this bloody spectacle was first seen by the multitude. It was then drawn up to the top of the gallows with a rope, and there suspended by the neck. In consequence of this the frightful wound again opened, and the blood issued afresh, so that his shirt on that side

side, was stained all over of a crimson hue. He had still no other covering than that in which the fatal deed was committed; his shirt entirely open at the bosom; his hair in wild disorder; and his legs naked. After having hung some few seconds, the left leg was evidently moved by a convulsive twitch; and numbers cried out, 'He yet lives!' This, however, was the last and the only struggle which occurred in that situation. The body hung till the afternoon, when it was taken down, laid in a coffin, and, in pursuance of a law lately made with relation to the bodies of malefactors, privately interred the same evening."

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principle, he vacates his seat, gives back his qualification to the heir of Mr. Evelyn, by whom, notwithstanding the sacrifices he had made were voluntary, he is arrested—and as unexpectedly extricated by the assistance of a gamester, whose principles it appears Mr. Trevor had by example succeeded in attempting to reform.—Prior to his confinement, he had rendered a most essential service to a gentleman who at length proves to be his uncle, and by whose means he is blessed with affluence.—His mistress, Olivia, is, in many instances, grossly imposed upon, relative to his conduct and actions, the proprieties of which, however, clear up themselves, and at the time of his confinement, she is so highly convinced of his honour and rectitude of character, that, ignorant of his release having already been procured, she sends the means of liberation to him—his pecuniary acquisitions remove the objections of her friends to their union, which finally takes place.—We might injure the effect of the book itself, were we to give a more particular epitome than the above. The new characters in this half of the novel are Clarke, the carpenter, who, as observed, becomes the companion of Hugh Trevor.—Mr. Evelyn, a surgeon of most exemplary and disinterested benevolence—Mr. Hilary, an honest attorney—Counsellor Ventilate and his pupils—Sir Barnard Bray, a parliamentary patron and patriot, who grumbles till he gets a peerage—a modern bookseller, a bailiff, and some others of less import.

EXTRACT.

SINGULAR ADVENTURE OF TREVOR AND CLARKE, ON THEIR JOURNEY FROM BATH.

" WHILE we had been discussing the above points, we had set down; and rose to pursue our journey, as soon as we had brought them to a conclusion. We were on the borders of a

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forest. As we proceeded, we came up with a countryman; who, inquiring where we were going, told us that, by striking a little out of the road, we might save half a mile. We had nine miles to travel, to the inn at which the stage-coaches stopped; and were very willing, Clarke especially, to shorten the way. The countryman said he was going part of the road; and that the remainder was so plain it could not be mistaken. Accordingly, we put ourselves under his guidance.

"The sun had been down, by this time, nearly an hour and a half. The moon gave some light, but the wind was rising, she was continually obscured by thick swift-flying clouds, and our conductor advised us to push on, for it was likely to be a very bad night.

"In less than a quarter of an hour his prophecy began to be fulfilled: the rain fell, and at intervals the opposing clouds and currents of air aided by the impediments of hills and trees, gave us a full variety of that whistling, roaring, and howling, which is heard in high winds.

"The darkness thickened upon us, and I was about to request the countryman to lead us to some village, or even barn, for shelter, when he suddenly struck into another path; and, bidding us good night, again told us we could not miss our road. We could not see where he was gone to; and though we repeatedly called, we called in vain; he was too anxious to get shelter himself to heed our anxiety, and was soon out of hearing.

"So long as we could discern, the path we were in appeared to be tolerably beaten; but we now could no longer trace any path, for it was too dark for the ground to have any distinct colour. We had skirted the forest; and our only remaining guide was a hedge on our left.

"In this hedge we placed our hopes. We followed its direction, I know not how long, till it suddenly turned off, at an angle; and we found ourselves, as far as we could conjecture, from the intervening lights and the strenuous efforts we made to discover the objects around us, on the edge of some wild place, probably a heath, with hills, and consequently deep valleys, perhaps streams of water and precipices.

"We paused; we knelt down, examined with our eyes, and felt about with our hands, to discover whether we yet were in a path, but could find none.

"We continued our consultation, till we had begun to think it advisable to return, once more guided by the hedge. Yet this was not only very uncertain, but the idea of a retrograde motion was by no means pleasant.

"While we were in this irresolute dilemma, we thought we saw a light; that glimmered for a moment, and as suddenly disappeared. We watched, I know not how long, and again saw it twinkle, though, as we thought, in something of a different direction. Clarke said it was a Will-o'-the-whisp. I replied, it might be one, but, as it seemed the only chance we had, my advice was to continue our walk in that direction; in hopes that, if it were a light proceeding from any house or village, it would become more visible as we approached.

"We walked on, I know not how far, and then paused; but discovered no more of the light. We walked again; again stood still, and looked on every side of us, either for the light, or any other object; but we could see nothing distinctly. The obscure forms around us had varied their appearance; and whether they were hills, or clouds, or what they were, we could not possibly discover; tho' the first we still thought was the most probable.

"By this time, we had no certain recollection of which way we had come, or to what point we were directing our course. We were continually in doubt: now pausing, now conjecturing, now proceeding.

"We continued to wander, we knew not whither. Sometimes it appeared we went up hill, and sometimes down. We had stepped very cautiously, and therefore very slowly; had warned each other continually to be careful, and had not dared to take twenty steps at a time, without mutually inquiring to know if all were safe.

"We continued, environed as it were by the objects that most powerfully inspire fear; by the darkness of night, the tumult of the elements, the utter ignorance of where we were or by what objects surrounded, and the de-

dejectedness which our situation inspired. Thieves and assassins might be at our back, and we could not hear them: gulphs, rocks, or rivers, in our front, or on either side, and we could not see them. The next step might plunge us headlong, we knew not whither.

" These fears were not all imaginary. Finding the ground very uneven, on a sudden, and stumbling dangerously myself, I stood still—I did not hear my companion!—I called—I received no answer! I repeated, in a louder tone, 'Clarke! Where are you?'—Still no answer!

" I then shouted, with all the fear that I felt, and heard a faint response, that seemed to be beneath me, and at a prodigious distance. It terrified; yet it relieved. We had spoken not three minutes before. I stood silent, in hopes he would speak again; but my fears were too violent to remain so long. I once more called, and he replied, with rather a louder voice which lessened the apparent distance, 'Take care! You'll dash yourself to pieces!'

" 'Are you hurt?' said I.

" 'I hope not much,' returned he. 'For God's sake, take care of yourself!'

" 'Can you walk?'

" 'I shall be able presently, I believe.'

" 'How can I get to you?'

" 'I don't know.'

" 'Stay where you are, and I will try.'

" 'For God in heaven's sake, don't! You'll certainly break your neck! I suppose I am in a chalk-pit, or at the bottom of a steep crag.'

" 'I will crawl to you on my hands and knees.'

" 'Good God! You will surely kill yourself!'

" 'Nothing can be more dangerous than to lie here on the wet ground. We must only take care to keep within hearing of each other.'

" While I spoke, I began to put my crawling expedient in practice; still calling to Clarke every half minute, and endeavouring to proceed in the direction of his voice.

" I found the rough impediments around me increase; till presently I came to one that was ruder than the rest. I crawled upon it, sustained by

my knees and right hand, and stretching forward with my left. I groped, but felt nothing. I cautiously laid my belly to the ground and stretched out my other arm. Still it was vacancy. I stretched a little more violently; feeling forward, and on each side; and I seemed to be projected upon a point, my head and shoulders inclining over a dark abyss, which the imagination left unfathomable.

" I own I felt terror, and the sensation certainly was not lessened, when, making an attempt to recover my position, and go back, my support began to give way. My effort to retreat was as violent as my terror; but it was too late. The ground shook, loosened, and, with the struggle I made carrying me with it, toppled headlong down.

" What the height that I fell was I have no means of ascertaining; for the heath on which we were wandering abounds with quarries and precipices; but either it was, in fact, or my fears made it, prodigious.

" Had this expedient been proposed under such circumstances as the only probable one of bringing me and Clarke together again, who would not have shuddered at it? Yet, tho' it is true I received a violent shock, I know of no injury that it did me.

" As soon as I recovered my presence of mind, I replied to Clarke, whose questions were vehement; he having heard me fall. After mutual inquiry, we found we were both once more upon our legs, and had escaped broken bones; though they had been severely shaken; Clarke's much the most violently.

" But where were we now? How should we discover? Perhaps in a stone quarry, or lime pit; perhaps at the edge of waters. It might be we had fallen down only on the first bank or ridge of a quarry, and had a precipice ten-fold more dreadful before us.

" While we were conjecturing, the stroke of a large clock, brought whizzing in the wind, struck full upon our ear. We listened, with the most anxious ardour. The next stroke was very, very faint: a different current had carried it a different way; and, with all our eager attention, we could not be certain that we heard any more: yet, though we had lost much time and our progress had been

excessively tedious, it could not be two o'clock in the morning. It might indeed very probably be twelve.

" The first stroke of the clock made us conjecture it came from some steeple, or hall tower, at no very great distance. The second carried our imaginations we knew not whither. We had not yet recovered courage enough to take more steps than were necessary to come to each other; and, while we were considering, during an intermitting pause of the roaring of the wind, we distinctly heard a cur yelp.

" Encouraged by this, we immediately hallooed with all our might. The wind again began to chafe, and swell, and seemed to mock at our distresses. Still we repeated our efforts, whenever the wind paused: but, instead of voices intending to answer our calls, we heard shrill whistlings, which certainly were produced by men.

" Could it be by good men? By any but night marauders, intent on mischief, but disturbed and alarmed? They were signals indubitably, for we shouted again, they were again given, and were then repeated from another quarter; at least, if they were not, they were miraculously imitated by the dying away of the wind.

" In a little while we again heard the cur yelp; and immediately afterward a howling, which was so mingled with the blast that we could not tell whether it were the wind itself, the yelling of a dog, or the agonizing cries of a human voice: but it was a dreadfully dismal sound. We listened with perturbed and deep attention; and it was several times repeated, with increasing uncertainty, confusion, and terror.

" What was to be done? My patience was exhausted. Danger itself could no longer detain me; and I told Clarke I was determined to make toward the village, or whatever the place was, from whence, dangerous and doubtful as they were, these various sounds proceeded.

" Finding me resolute, he was very earnest to have led the way; and when I would not permit him, he grasped me by the hand, and told me that, if there were pitfalls and gulphs, and if I did go down, unless he should have strength enough to

save me, we would go down together.

" As we were cautiously and slowly taking step by step, and as new conjectures crossed us, stopping to consider, we again saw a dancing light; but more distinctly, though, as we imagined, not very near. We repeated our calls; but, whether they were or were not heard, they were not answered. We ventured, however, to quicken our pace, for we continued, at intervals, to catch the light.

" Presently, we saw the light no more; and a considerable time again elapsed, which was spent in wandering as this or that supposition directed us; till at last, suddenly and very unexpectedly, we perceived lines and forms, that convinced us they appertained to some house or mansion; and, as it appeared to us, a large one. We approached it, examined, shouted, and endeavoured to discover which was the entrance: but all was still, all dark, all closed.

" We continued our search on the outside; till, at length, we came to a large gate that was open; which we entered, and proceeded to some distance till we arrived at a door that evidently belonged to an outhouse or detached building. It was shut; and, feeling about, we found that the key was in the lock. We had little hesitation in profiting by the accident. We had been shelterless too long, and the circumstances pleaded too powerfully for us to indulge any scruples, and accordingly we entered.

" We had no sooner put our heads within the door but we found ourselves assaulted with a smell, or rather stench, so intolerable as almost to drive us back; but the fury of the elements, and perhaps the less delicate organs of Clarke, who seemed determined to profit by the shelter we had obtained, induced us to brave an inconvenience which, though excessively offensive at first, became less, the longer we continued.

" Groping about, we discovered some barrels and lumber; behind which there was straw. Here we determined to lie down, and rest our bruised and aching bones. Our cloaths had been drenched and dried more than once, in the course of the night;

night; and they were at present neither wet nor dry.

" We had scarcely nestled together in our straw, before we again heard the yelping of the cur, and presently afterward the same dismal howls repeated. To these, at no great distance, succeeded the shrill whistling signals. Our imaginations had been so highly wrought up that they were apt at horrible conjectures, and, for my part, my own was at that moment very busily employed in conjuring them up.

" In the very midst of this activity, we heard the voices of men, walking round the building. They again whistled, with a piercing shrillness; and though we heard nothing distinctly, yet we caught tones that were coarse, rude, and savage; and words that denoted anger and anxiety, for the perpetration of some dark purpose no doubt corresponding to the fierce and threatening sounds we heard.

" They approached. One of them had a lanthorn: he came up to the door, and, finding it open, boisterously shut it; with a broad and bitter curse against the carelessness of some man, whose name he pronounced, for leaving it open; and eternally damning others, for being so long in doing their business.

" We were now locked in; and we soon heard no more of the voices.

" In spite of all these alarms, the moment they ceased our condition, comparing it with the tempest and difficulties without, seemed to be much bettered; and we once more prepared ourselves for sleep, while fear gave place to fatigue.

" Our rest was of short duration. We began indeed to slumber; but I was presently disturbed by Clarke, whom I found shaking in the most violent agitation and horror that I ever witnessed in any human being.

" I asked ' What is the matter? '

" He replied with a groan!

" I was awakened from wild slumbers of my own, and strongly partook of his sensations; but endeavoured, however, to rouse him to speech and recollection. Again and again I asked, ' What have you heard? What ails you? '

" It was long before he could utter an articulate sound: at last, shaking

more violently as he spoke, and with inexpressible horror in his voice, he, gasping, said—' A dead hand!—'

" ' Where?—

" I felt it!—I had hold of it!— It is now at my neck."

" For a moment I paused; not daring to stretch out my arm, and examine. I trembled in sympathy with him. At length I ventured.

" Never shall I forget the sensation I experienced, when, to my full conviction, I actually felt a cold, dead hand, between my fingers!

" I was suffocated with horror! I struggled to overcome it; again it seized me, and I sunk half entranced!

" At this very instant, the shrill sound of the whistle rung, piercing through the dismal place in which we were imprisoned. It was answered. The same hoarse voices once more were heard; but in tones fifty fold more dire.

" One terror combated the other, and we were recalled to some sense of distinguishing and understanding. We lay silent, not daring to breathe, when we heard the door unlock. Our feelings will not readily be conceived, while the following dialogue passed.

" ' What a damned while you have kept us waiting, such a night as this!'

" ' What ails the night? It is a special good night, for our trade.'

" ' What the devil have you been about?'

" ' About? Doing our business, to be sure; and doing it to some purpose, I tell you. Is not the night as bad for us as for you? Who had the best of it, do you think? What had you to do, but to keep on the scout?'

" ' How came you to leave the door open, and be d—mn'd to you?'

" ' Who left the door open, Jack Dingyface? We left the key in it, indeed, for such lubbers as you to pass in and out; while we had all the work to do, and all the danger to boot.'

" ' Who do you call lubber, Bull-calf? We have had as much to do as yourselves. There has been an alarm given; for we have heard noises and hallooing all night. For my part, I don't much like it. We shall be smoked; nay, it is my be-
lief

lief we are already; and I have a great mind to decamp and leave the country.'

" ' You are always in a panic. Who is to smoke us ? '

" ' Well, mark my words, it will come upon us when we least think of it.'

" ' Think of——! Hold up the lanthorn. Come, heave in the sack——! We were d——n'd fools, for taking such a hen-hearted fellow among us. Lift the sack an end. Why don't you lend a hand, and keep it steady, while I untie it ? Do you think a dead man can stand on his legs ? D——mn my body, the fool is afraid he should bite.'

" ' You are a hardened dog, Randal, bl——st me ! '

" ' Come, tumble the body out. Lay hold ! Here ! Heave this way. So ; that will do. We may leave him. He will not run away. His journey is over. He will travel no farther to-night. He can't say, however, but we have provided him with a lodging.'

" ' D——mn me, where do you expect to go to ? '

" ' To-bed. It's high time.'

" ' I never heard such a dare devil dog in all my life ! '

" ' Don't let that trouble you ; for you will never be like me.'

" ' What is that ? '

" ' What is what ? '

" ' I saw a head.'

" ' Where ? '

" ' Behind the tub.'

" ' What then ? Is there any wonder in seeing a head, or a body either, in this place ? '

" ' Nay, but a living head ! '

" ' A living ass ! '

" ' I am sure I saw the eyes move.'

" ' Ah ! white-liver'd lout ! I

wonder what the devil made such a quaking pudding pot-roast think of taking to our trade ! Come ; I am hungry ; let us go into the kitchen, and get some grub, and then to bed. Pimping Simon, here, will see his grandmother's ghost, if we stay five minutes longer.'

" Here, to our infinite ease, they quitted us, went through an inner door that led to the house, locked it after them, and left us, not only with the dead hand, not only with the

dead body, but in the most dismal human slaughter-house that murder and horror ever contructed or ever conceived. Such were our impressions ; and such, under the same circumstances, they would have been, perhaps, of the bravest man or man-killer, that ever exifited. Alexander and Cæsar themselves would have shook, lying as we lay, hearing what we heard, and seeing what we saw ; for, by the light of the lanthorn, we beheld limbs, and bones, and human skeletons, on every side of us. I repeat ; horror had nothing to add.

" The dancing lights we had seen, the shrill, signals and the dreadful howls that we had heard, were now no longer thought mysterious. It was no *ignis fatuus*, but the lanthorn of these assassins ; no dog or wolf baying the moon, but the agonizing yells of murder !

" The men were four in number. The idea of attacking them several times suggested itself ; nor was it so much overpowered by the apprehension of the arms with which I concluded such men must be provided, as that my mind was rendered irresolute by the dreadful pictures, real and imaginary, which had passed thro' my mind.

" Clarke, brave as he was, had lost all his intrepidity in this Golgotha, this place of skulls ; the very scent of which, knowing whence it proceeded, was abhorrent.

" No ; it was not their arms, nor their numbers, but these fears that induced me, when he that saw my eyes move was in danger of giving the alarm, to close them ; and, profiting by the fellow's sympathetic terror, counterfeit the death by which I was environed.

" Here then we were. And must we here remain ? To sleep was impossible. Must we rise and grapple with the dead ; trample on their limbs, and stumble over their un-earthed bones, in endeavouring to get out ?

" Neither could we tell what new horrors were in store for us. Who had not heard of trap doors, sliding wainscots, and other inuderous contrivances ? And could they be now forgotten ? Impossible ! All the phantoms memory could revive, or fancy

fancy could create, were realized and assembled.

" Of the two, I certainly had more the use of my understanding than Clarke; but I was so absorbed in the terrors which assailed me on every side, that I was intent on them only, and forgot, while the lanthorn glimmered its partial and dull rays, to consider the geography of the place, or to plan the means of escape, till the moment the men were departing; when I caught a glimpse of what I imagined to be a window facing me.

" As soon as our fears would permit us, we began, in low and cautious whispers, to communicate our thoughts. Clarke was pertinaciously averse to rise, and hurtle in the dark with the bones of the dead. By the intervening medium of the straw, he had pushed away the terrific hand, and was determined, he said, to lie still, till day-light should return, and prevent him from treading, at random, on the horrible objects around him, or stumbling over and being stretched upon a corpse.

" I had as little inclination to come in contact with dead hands, cadaverous bodies, and disfigured joints, as he could have; yet was too violently tormented to remain quiet, and suffer myself to be preyed on by my imagination. Had I resigned myself to it, without endeavouring to relieve it by action, it would have driven me frantic. I half rose, fat considering, ventured to feel round me, and shrank back with inexpressible terror, from the first object that I touched. Again I ruminated, again ventured to feel, and again and again shivered with horrible apprehensions.

" Use will reconcile us to all situations. Experience corrects fear, emboldens ignorance, and renders desire adventurous. The builder will walk without dread on the ridge of a house; while the timid spectator standing below is obliged to turn his eyes away, or tumble headlong down and be dashed to pieces in imagination. Repeated trials had a similar effect on me; they rendered me more hardy, and I proceeded, as nearly as I could guess, toward the window; touching, treading on, and encountering, I knew not what; subject, every moment, to new starts of terror; and my heart now sinking, now

leaping, as the sudden freaks and flights of fancy seized upon me.

" After the departure of the desperadoes, we had heard various noises, in the adjoining house; among others, the occasional ringing of a chamber bell. While I was thus endeavouring to explore my way, arrested by terror at every step, as I have been describing, we again heard sounds that approached more nearly; and presently the inner door once more opened, and a livery servant, bearing two lighted candles, came in; followed by a man with an apron tied round him, having a kind of bib up to his chin, and linen sleeves drawn over his coat.

" The master, for so he evidently was, had a meagre, wan, countenance, and a diminutive form. The servant had evidently some trepidation.

" ' Do not be afraid, Matthew,' said the master; ' you will soon be accustomed to it; and you will then laugh at your present timidity. Unless you conquer your fears, you will not be able to obey my directions in assisting me; and consequently will not be fit for your place; and you know you cannot get such good wages in any other.'

" ' I will do my best, Sir,' said the servant; ' but I can't say but, for the first time, it is a little frightful.'

" ' Mere prejudice, Matthew. I am studying to gain knowledge, which will be serviceable to mankind; and that you must perceive will be doing good.'

" ' Yes, Sir.'

" ' Reach me those instruments—Now lift up the body, and turn the head a little this way—Why do you tremble? Are you afraid of the dead?'

" ' Not much, Sir.'

" ' Lift boldly, then.'

" ' Yes, Sir.'

" As the servant turned round, half stupefied with his fears, he beheld me standing with my eyes fixed, watchful and listening with my whole soul, for the interpretation of these enigmas. The man stared, gaped, turned pale, and at last dropped down, overcome with his terrors.

" The master was amazed, and, perceiving which way the servant's atten-

attention had been directed, looked round. His eye caught mine. He stood motionless. His pale face assumed a death-like hue; and, for a few moments, he seemed to want the power of utterance.

" Clarke had remained, astonished and confounded, a silent spectator of the scene. But there was now light, and though the objects of horror were multiplied in reality, they were less numerous to the imagination. Seeing the fear of the servant, observing his fall, and remarking the gentle and feeble appearance of the master, armed though he was with murderous instruments, Clarke was now rising, determined to come to action: his proceeding disturbed our mutual amazement. He was on his legs, and, as I perceived, advancing with hostile intentions.

" The dialogue I had heard, and the objects which I had distinctly seen and examined, had, by this time, unravelled the whole mystery. I discovered that we were in the dissecting room of an anatomist.— Clarke was clenching his fist, and preparing to direct a blow at the operator; and I had but just time to step forward, arrest his arm, and impede its progress. ' Be quiet,' said I, ' Clarke; we have been mistaken.'

" ' For God's sake, who are you, gentlemen?' said the owner of the mansion, recovered in part from his apprehensions, by my pacific interference.

" ' We are benighted travellers, Sir,' answered I; ' who got entrance into this place by accident, and have ourselves been suffering under false, but excessive fear.— Pray, Sir, be under no alarm, for we are far from intending you injury.'

" He made no immediate reply, and I continued.

" ' Fear, I find, though she has, indeed, a most active fancy, has no understanding; otherwise, among the innumerable conjectures with which my brain has been buried within this hour, the truth would certainly have suggested itself; but, instead of supposing I was transported to the benignant regions of science, I thought myself certain of being in the purgatory of the damned; in the very den of murder.'

" My language, manner, and tone of voice relieved him from all alarm; and he said, with a smile, ' This is a very whimsical accident.'

" ' You would think so, indeed, Sir,' replied I, ' if you knew but half of the horrible images on which we have been dreaming. But it was distresses that drove us to take shelter here; and if there be any village, or if not, even any barn, in which we could take a little rest till day-light, we should be exceedingly obliged to you for that kind assistance which, from your love of science, and from the remarks I have heard you make to your servant, I am persuaded, you will be very willing to afford.'

" By this time the servant was recovered from his fright; and on his legs. ' Go, Matthew,' said the master, ' and call up one of the maids.' And turning to me, he added, ' Be kind enough to follow me, Sir, with your companion. I doubt if you could procure either lodging or refreshment within three miles of the place, and I shall therefore be very happy in supplying you with both.'

" We obeyed; I highly delighted with the benevolent and hospitable manner of our host; and Clarke most glad to escape, from a scene which no explanation had yet reconciled to his feelings, or notions of good and evil.'

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EXTRACT.

SKETCHES OF TURKISH JURISPRUDENCE, MANNERS, &c.

THE administration of justice in Constantinople is notoriously corrupt. It is placed solely in the hands of the oulema, or ecclesiastical body, who are confirmed in their rapacity by being secured from the interposition of the body politic, as they receive no salary from the state. In these two causes originates a system of enormous peculation and bribery, so that for the poor there is no redress. Turkish jurisprudence professes the implicit direction of the korân, but more attention is paid to the multîkah, or sönâk, containing the traditional injunctions; after all, the interest or caprice of the judge biases the decision.

The rank of Turkish lawyers is the multî, or deputy to the sultan; as kalife or oracle of the law, the kadilescars of Rounily and Anadoly; supreme in their distinct districts,

mollahs, muselims, and kadies. These hold their mekemelis, or halls of justice, where they try criminals and hear causes, in which oral testimony always prevails against written evidence. Three MSS. of the Koran, the Evangelists, and the Pentateuch, are kept by the kadies, who administer oaths upon them, according to the religion of the person to be sworn. False witnesses are easily procured; they frequent certain coffee-houses, where their infamous transactions are arranged. If one of these wretches be too often detected, or has forfeited the interested connivance of the judge, he is given over to the punishment of the law. Mounted on an ass, with his arms and legs tied, and his face towards the tail, he is led through the streets and bazaars, where he is insulted with every grossness, and if a Turk fares very ill.

It is truly remarkable, in so great a population, that criminal causes do not occur more frequently. Murders are seldom heard of, and happen amongst the soldiers oftener than other descriptions of people: they are certainly prevented by the prohibition of wearing arms in the capital. If the murderer escape justice for twenty-four hours, he is not amenable to the law: at least, has a good chance of evading its vengeance.---Robberies are not frequent, excepting in the great roads through distant provinces, where they are always punished with impalement. There is no place of public execution; and when a criminal is condemned, he is led down the nearest street by the executioner, who is provided with a large nail and cord, which he places over the door of any shop where he is not paid for forbearance. The body is raised a few inches only above the ground, and must be left untouched for three days. In instances of decapitation, the more honourable punishment, it is exposed as long in the street, with the head under the arm, if a musulman, but if a rayah *, between the legs. So horrid a spectacle excites no emotion in the mind of a Turk, for it is certain that by no nation, be it as savage as it may, is the life of a man so lightly regarded as by them. This is a disgusting but

* "A rayah is an Ottoman subject of any nation, liable to the harâdj, or capitation tax."

true sketch of their laws and executive justice.

" Personal combat, unknown to the ancients, but so universal in modern Europe since the days of Chibaley, is not practised amongst the Turks, nor is assassination, the disgrace of many nations, in any degree frequent. Connections with women, the great cause of inveterate quarrels, are so arranged as to render interference with each other almost impossible. Before marriage they are not seen by their lovers, and after only by their husbands and near relatives. There is likewise an inviolable point of honour between men respecting their harems, and an avowed libertine would be banished from society. Poison, secretly given, is the punishment he would probably incur.

" To another occasion of personal provocation they are equally strangers. Gaming is prohibited by the Mohammedan law, and as chess is their favourite amusement, their singular proficiency is a proof that the love of gain may not be the only inducement to excel. Wagers, or anticipating the chances of any trial of skill or common event, they can consider as unlawful.

" To the absence of these powerful incitements to anger, and to their national suavity of manners as confined to themselves, may be attributed much social harmony, though with fewer examples of disinterested friendship than amongst us. The Turk shews insolence or moroseness to those only whom his prejudices exclude from intercourse.

" The Rammezan, or Turkish Lent, lasts for one complete moon, and takes every month in the year in rotation. No institution can be more strictly or more generally observed; it enjoins perfect abstinence from sunrise to sun-set, from every kind of aliment, even from water. Mohammed did not foresee that coffee and tobacco would become the chief luxury of his followers, and various were the opinions respecting the legality of taking them in Rammezan; which were finally determined in the negative. These are indeed days of penance to the labourer and mechanic, but to the opulent only a pleasing variety, for they sleep all day, and in the evening feast and make merry, as if they exulted in cheating the pro-

phet. The only show of mortification is a prohibition from entering the harem during the twelve hours of fasting. Every night of this season is some appointed feast amongst the officers of the court.

" Nor are the inferior orders deprived of their share of relaxation; for the shops of cooks and confectioners, and the coffee-houses, are unusually decorated and frequented. There are exhibitions of low humour, and the kara-guze, or puppet-show, represented by Chinese shades.

" For the graver sort, most coffee-houses retain raccontatore, or professed story-teller, who entertains a very attentive audience for many hours. They relate eastern tales, or farcical anecdotes of the times, and are sometimes engaged by government to treat on politics, and to reconcile the people to any recent measure of the sultan or vizier. Their manner is very animated, and their recitation accompanied by much gesticulation. They have the finesse, when they perceive the audience numerous, and deeply engaged, to defer the sequel of their story. The nightly illuminations of every minareh in the city, especially those of the imperial mosques, produce a very singular and splendid effect. Within each of these, the vast concaves of the domes are lighted up by some hundred lamps of coloured glass; and external cords are thrown across from one minareh to another, and the lamps fantastically disposed in letters and figures. I was not more agreeably surprised by any thing I saw in Constantinople, than the whole appearance of the first night in Rammezan.

" As an indulgence from the severities of Lent, the Turks have their Beyram, and the Christians their Easter. At this season, those of every nation appear in new clothes, and exhibit all possible gaiety. Places of public resort are then particularly frequented, and the pastimes and groupes, excepting in their drels, exactly resemble an English wake. The Turks are much delighted by a circular swing, made by fixing a wheel on a high post, from which hang many poles, with seats attached to them. I have seen several of these bearded children taking this amusement with great glee, and contrasted with the gravity of their habits, nothing could be more ridiculous.

ridiculous. The Greeks have an universal licence, dance through the streets to very rude music, and are in the zenith of their vivacity; but the festivity of the Armenians, a saturnine race, seems to consist chiefly in being intoxicated, and jumping with the preposterous activity of an elephant. In the Campo de' Morti, near Pera, so called from being the cemetery of the Franks and Armenians, many of these droll scenes may be then contemplated by an investigator of the precise traits of character which discriminate the mass of all nations.

" The Turks have sumptuary laws, and habits peculiar to professions. By the turban differing in size and shape every man is known; and so numerous are these distinctions, that a dragoon, long conversant with Constantinople, told me he knew not half of them. The Emirs, real or pretended descendants from the prophet, are distinguished by the green muslin, the others wear white round a cap of cloth, and the head is universally very closely shaven. In the turbans of the oulema there is a greater profusion of muslin, from ten to twenty yards, which are proportionally larger, as the wigs of professional men were formerly. The military, as the janissaries, bozandjis, and topdjis, wear caps of the most uncoolly shape and fashion, such as defy description. The rayahs are known by a head-dress called a kalpac, made of lamb-skin, and inimitably ugly, differing entirely from a turban; and sometimes a samour, or black fur cap, which is principally worn by dragoons and physicians. In other respects they are dressed as the Turks. Yellow slippers, or boots, are indulged only to those under ambassadorial protection, and are an envied distinction. When the present sultan came to the throne, he issued an edict that no unlicensed rayah should appear publicly in yellow slippers. At that time he took great pleasure in walking the streets in disguise; when meeting an ill-starred Jew dressed contrary to law, he ordered his head to be instantly struck off. This was his first act of severity, which created most unfavourable conjectures, not altogether confirmed by his subsequent reign.

" The Turks of better rank, and the regular citizens, wear what is called the long dress, with outer robes of fine cloth, shalloon, or pellices, which are in general use for the greater part of the year, and commonly of the most costly furs. They are seldom seen without a tespi in their hands; it is a string of ninety-nine beads, corresponding with the names of the Deity, which they carry as much for amusement as devotion. Hamid Ali, a late vizier, wore one of pearl, so perfect as to be valued at 3000*l.* sterling.

" The common people, especially those belonging to any military corps, have a jacket richly ornamented with gold or silver twist, trowfers of cloth, which close to the middle of the leg, the other part of which is bare, and red slippers. Their great pride is to stick into their girdle a pair of large horse pistols, a yataghan or long knife, a hanjor or dagger, all profusely inlaid with silver in a grotesque taste, which, with pouches for ammunition and tobacco, are extremely inconvenient, and several pounds weight. With these weapons they frequently do mischief, often from childshelves, sometimes from intention. Such are seen in every town in the empire, excepting the capital, who glory in their privilege, as no rayah is permitted to carry arms.

" By the laws of Islamism the Turks are forbidden vessels and utensils of gold or silver, and are directed to great simplicity in every habit of life. This injunction does not extend to women, whose pride consists in the number and costliness of their trinkets. The chief luxury of the men is displayed in the number of their attendants, and their horses with superb caparisons, often of embroidered velvet, and plates of silver embossed and gilt. No rich man appears in public, but on horseback, with a train of footmen, in any part of Constantinople, the number of whom is unnecessarily great, and much of his income is expended in their daily maintenance, and new clothes at the feast of Bayram. Their wages are inconsiderable. No domestic performs more than one office; this serves the coffee, and that hands the napkin, but no emergency can command any other service.

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“ The horses of the Arab, or Turcoman breed, are eminently beautiful, and are taught to prance under the perfect manège of the rider, however infirm. Great expence likewise is lavished on the boats, which are elegant in a high degree, carved, gilded, and lined with rich cushions. They cost from a hundred to a thousand piastres each. The rank of the owner is ascertained by the number of oars, and in dexterity or civility no watermen exceed the Turks.

“ Coaches are not in use, excepting that the clumsy, nondescript vehicles, which convey the ladies of great harems, can be so called. In his pipe an opulent man is extremely sumptuous; the head must be of pale amber, the stick of jasmin wood, with the bark preserved, and the bowl of a delicate red clay, manufactured at Burgas, in Romelia, and highly ornamented. According to the dignity of the smoker is the length of his pipe, often six or seven feet, when it is carried by two of his servants from place to place with much ceremony; and the bowl is supported by wheels, as an aid to supreme indolence. In the summer, for greater coolness, the stem of the pipe is covered with cotton or muslin, and moistened with water. This sovereign recreation is not confined to the men; the ladies, especially those advanced in life, partake of it largely, and, as a delicacy, they mix the tobacco with frankincense, musk, or aloes wood. The sultan alone abstains from etiquette; as calife, or representative of the prophet, he declines deciding, by his own practice, upon the propriety of any custom, about which the law is not specific and declaratory.

“ Notwithstanding their grave exterior, which might prepossess foreigners with an idea of concealing as much stupidity as sense, and apparently so ungenial with mirth or vivacity, the Turks, in superior life, of both sexes, indulge a vein of sarcastic humour, and are not behind more polished nations in the delicacy or severity of their repartees. Most gentlemen of the seraglio, or capital, have been educated in their seminaries of learning, and are conversant with oriental literature. Many of them quote the Persian poets as happily, and refer to the Arabic philosophers with as complete erudition, as we can do to the Greek

or Roman. The ‘Leilat u alf leilah,’ or Arabian Nights, first introduced into Europe by Monsieur Petit de la Croix, are familiarly known by them, as well as the fables and allegories of Pilpay and Lokman, from which sources they store their minds as well with sentiments as expression.—To excel in colloquial facility and elegance, is the first ambition of every cheliby, or man of breeding.

“ I repeat a specimen of Turkish wit, related to me as having been occasioned by a recent circumstance.

“ A man of rank, remarkably unpleasing in his countenance and figure, was married, according to custom, without having first seen her unveiled, to a lady, whose pretensions to personal attractions did not exceed his own. On the morning after their marriage she demanded of him to whom of his friends she might shew her face with freedom. ‘ Shew it,’ said he, ‘ to all the world, but hide it from me.’ ‘ Patience,’ rejoined the lady. ‘ I have none,’ returned the bridegroom. ‘ Ah! said she, ‘ I think you must have had a good share, for you have carried that abominable great nose about with you all your life-time.’ P. 79.

CI. *The War of the Giants.* By an Admirer of Thomas Sternhold and John Hopkins. To which is added, A Dialogue between John Bull and one of his Friends. With Notes. 4to. sewed, 2s. pp. 25. Johnson.

THIS publication is a poetical epitome of the Revolution in France. The Dialogue, which follows, is on the subject of the present war. As a specimen of the Author's versification, we give the following

EXTRACT.

FROM THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE REVOLUTION TO THE DEATH OF ROBESPIERRE.

1.

“ THERE liv'd a giant in the south,
And lawless power had he,
As good a man, to say the truth,
As giant well could be.

And

2.
And all who liv'd within his land,
Obequious to his will,
Were, right or wrong, his high com-
mand
Attentive to fulfil.

3.
• But tho' this giant he is good,'
Some folks were heard to say,
• And never yet has fuck'd our blood,
• Perhaps his children may.

4.
• His ancestors, who fuck'd their fill,
• Did sometimes ours devour :
• Lest he should one day have the will,
• Let's keep him from the power.

5.
These words delight the poorest mob,
And many of the rich,
And so they seize the giant's club,
And give to him a switch.

6.
The giants all around do grieve,
For their poor brother's pains,
When stript of the prerogative,
Of dashing out of brains.

7.
And they combine without delay,
To crush this wicked mob,
Restore their brother's ancient sway,
And give him back his club.

8.
While they march on most gallantly,
In shining armour girt,
A *swinish* drove, fresh from the fly,
O'erthrows them in the dirt.

9.
But now the people puff'd with pride,
For this great victory,
All prudent counsellors deride,
And heav'n and earth duly.

10.
And now a monster fill'd with gall,
The multitude deceives,
He swore to make them sovereigns all
When once they were his slaves.

11.
He having got supreme command
Did the good giant slay;
Pale murder stalk'd throughout the
land,
With famine and dismay.

12.
Equality, whom he disdains,
In rags attends his car;
With Liberty, both dragg'd in chains,
Like prisoners of war.

13.
His cruelty so great became,
That his companions dear
Began to dread that even them
He would in pieces tear.

14.
• The cup of his iniquity,'
Said they, 'is at the brim;
• He meditates to make us die;
• Come, let us butcher him.'

15.
Thus being caught in his own snare,
It suddenly befell,
That he was driven to despair,
Was slain, and went to hell."

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CII. *The History of the Campaign of 1796*, in Germany and Italy. 8vo.
Boards. 6s. pp. 388. *Cadell and Davies, Robinsons, T. Gardiner, H. Gardner, De Boffe, Dulau.*

EXTRACT FROM THE PREFACE.

"THE materials from which I have composed this work, have been partly collected from the accounts officially published at London, Vienna, and Paris; and partly procured through means of a correspondence which I have constantly kept up with some distinguished military characters on the continent. Some of these have been and still are, actually engaged in this war; and the others have watched its progress with the most attentive and intelligent observation. I have spared no pains to put together and to compare these various materials. This work is, in fact, an abstract and a combination of all these accounts. I have endeavoured to draw from the whole a result, if not absolutely correct, at least, as nearly so, as it was in my power to make it.

"The knowledge which I myself have personally had of the greater part of the theatre of the war, of some of the armies which are engaged in it, and of several of the generals

"generals who commanded them, "joined to some degree of experience in the subject which I treat of, cannot have failed to be of considerable use to me."

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TRAITS OF THE ARCHDUKE CHARLES.

"THIS Prince found himself, at the opening of the campaign, at the head of a formidable army, though one less numerous than that of his enemies. He might then flatter himself that he should make amends for this inequality of means by a superiority of talents and activity. He had then, no doubt, formed some project for the advancement of his brother's interest, and the promotion of his own glory. At the moment when he was on the point of putting them into execution, 30,000 of his best troops were taken from him and sent into Italy. The Archduke made no complaint of the great reduction which his army by this means experienced, and still less did he think of endeavouring to prevent

the measure by his credit and his natural influence with the Emperor. Finding himself incapable of undertaking any offensive enterprize, and reduced to the necessity even of a defensive system, extremely difficult to maintain, this young Prince shewed neither disgust nor despondency. He exerted himself to compensate the loss of those troops which had been taken from him, by making the best use of those which remained with him. He went to seek for victory on the banks of the Lahn and the Sieg; and when an invasion, the success of which the French had hoped for, only by effecting it at a distance from that Prince, opened to them Germany, and allowed them to display in that country their numerous battalions, the Archduke ceased not for an instant to oppose to them a firm and methodical resistance. He always could discern when it was proper to engage or avoid an action, and distinguish those posts of which it was expedient to dispute every inch with obstinacy, from those whose importance would not have repaid the value of his soldiers' blood. He effected his retreat, losing as little ground, and gaining as much time as possible.

"As soon as his approach to the hereditary dominions had sufficiently increased his force, and in the same proportion diminished that of the French, he then began to entertain the confident hope of delivering Germany, he then executed with wisdom. He displayed against Jourdan the courage and enterprising spirit of his character, which had been long fettered by a defensive system. He defeated that General, pursued him without respite, outstripped him by his celerity, circumvented him by his manœuvres, and compelled him to fly beyond the Rhine.

"Having accomplished the defeat of one of the Republican armies, he hastened to direct against the other his fortune and his talents. He fixed the former, and gave new splendour to the latter. He baffled by superior ability the general opposed to him, rendered useless the courage of his soldiers, and relieved Germany from their presence. In two months the Archduke passed from the frontiers of Bohemia to the walls of Dusseldorf; from that town to Basle, and

from

from Basle to Offenbourg, always fighting, and always victorious. Not satisfied with being so by halves, he resolved that the end of the campaign should afford a complete reparation for the disasters of its commencement, and allowed no respite to his enemies, till he had wrested from them the only remains of their first triumphs. Scarce had he accomplished this, when instead of indulging a well-merited repose, he listened only to the interests of his country; and not hesitating to change the command of a victorious army for that of another which knew nothing of war but defeats, he flew to meet new dangers in Italy.

" The Archduke, no doubt, as well as every other Prince, who at his time of life has had the command of large armies, has of course listened to the counsels of experience. It is well known that he has profited by those of Lient. General Bellegarde*, and of the Colonel of the Staff Schmidt. To the talents of these two officers, and more particularly of the former, we most readily pay due homage. They are no doubt worthy of that confidence, which the Emperor and the Archduke have reposed in them. They deserve praise for having made so good an use of that confidence, and are entitled to the grateful acknowledgements of Germany. They have probably contributed much to the Archduke's success, and by their experience have supplied his deficiency in that respect. But the qualities which that Prince may most justly claim as personally his own, are his great courage equalled only by his modesty; his coolness, and quickness of perception in the heat of battle; that energy which makes him forget the weakness of his constitution, and to support the greatest fatigues; and finally, that

* " This general, a Savoyard by birth, and I believe the youngest lieutenant-general in the Austrian army, has never ceased to distinguish himself during the whole course of this war. He has constantly enjoyed the confidence of the Emperor, and will one day, probably, be at the head of his army.

† " A single trait will enable the reader to form a judgment of the manner in which the Archduke commands and is obeyed. At the affair of the 24th of October, that Prince gave orders to the Major of the light horse of Modena to attack a redoubt, situated among some vines. That officer charged the French who defended it, but the ground being extremely disadvantageous for cavalry, he was repulsed, and obliged to fall back. The Archduke came up in the interim, and seeing what passed, said to the Major, ' Sir, you have misunderstood me; I gave you orders to *take* the redoubt.' The officer felt the full weight of these words, and returned to the charge with all the force given by despair. He was killed, but the redoubt was taken."

impartial justice with which he rewards with one hand, and punishes with the other. He has found the means to give to his Generals, and to the officers of his army, an activity before unknown to them, and to which may be attributed the latter successes of the Austrian army. He has reanimated discipline, not by increasing its severity, but by inspiring every one with the love of their duty, the desire of praise, and the fear of reprobation †. He has found the means of compelling the Generals of his army to shew more zeal and more obedience in executing Mr. de Bellegarde's plans, than the Emperor was able to obtain from them in 1794 in favour of the celebrated General Mack. He knew how to raise his authority above the abuses, the pretensions, and the intrigues, which besiege the head-quarters of an army no less than a court, and to force every particular interest to act in unison with the interest of the whole. These are the qualities and the facts which characterise the Archduke Charles, and of which history will not be unmindful. The conduct of this Prince, at once prudent and splendid, has, beyond contradiction, had a greater influence than any other circumstance on the issue of this campaign." P. 178.

BIOGRAPHY OF GENERAL BUONAPARTE.

" Pascal Buonaparte, a godson of General Paoli, was born at Ajaccio in Corsica in the same year (1769) that that island became subject to France. His father, who died young, had the rank of major in the service of that power. At the age of ten years Buonaparte was placed at the royal

school at Brienne, from whence he was removed to the military school at Paris. While there, he discovered application and an inclination for the sciences. In 1785, being then no more than fifteen, he was appointed lieutenant en second of the regiment de la Fere of artillery, which he joined at Valence. His person is middle sized, and his complexion is dark and swarthy; his countenance bespeaks nothing remarkable, except his black eyes, which are lively, and habitually fixed on the ground. He brought with him from Corsica, and preferred both in the royal houses where he was brought up, and the regiment into which he entered, republican and elevated ideas, a spirit of independence, a great deal of pride, an extravagant opinion of his own nation, and a great contempt for the rest of the world. This character, as little adapted to military discipline as to society, pleased neither his commanders nor his companions: the latter did not fail to bestow on him those little corrections which, when given by equals, generally prove useful lessons; they had, however, no good effect on the haughty and savage disposition of this young man. Dissembling, silent, vain, and misanthropic, he read much, seldom went abroad, and almost always alone; he studied history and politics, disdaining the details of his profession, which he hardly attended to. Though naturally silent, when the subject under discussion was to his taste, whenever he deemed the auditory worthy of him, and more especially when Corsica was the topic of discourse, then he became animated, and spoke with great energy and warmth, though not with elegance. On these occasions he discovered a good memory, a great degree of penetration and wit, a knowledge very uncommon for his age, and, above all, an extreme tenacity of opinion. Such was Buonaparte before the revolution: till that period he had shewn neither the inclinations, the virtues, the vices, or the manners of his age. His opinions, the violence of his character, and his ambition, would naturally induce him to take part in this revolution; he was supposed to have had a considerable share in the disturbances which agitated Corsica in 1789. The year following he rejoined his regiment, which was at Auxonne, taking with him a bro-

ther of the age of twelve. One of his companions inquiring why he took so young a man as his brother with him, he replied, *I wish him to enjoy a great spectacle, that of a nation which will speedily be either regenerated or destroyed.*

“Buonaparte attached himself more and more to the republican party, and obtained a rapid advancement. He was for a short time employed in the war of La Vendée, and also at the siege of Toulon. Being at Paris on the 13th of Vendemiaire, he shewed himself on that occasion one of the warmest partisans of the Convention, and very actively seconded Barras. This last, being made director, offered Buonaparte the command of the army in Italy, on condition that he should marry the widow of the Vicomte de Beauharnois, who had been guillotined. The young Italian accepted the terms, and departed for the Italian army, which he found in the greatest want of arms, clothes, and ammunition. He found the means to procure at Genoa a part of what was wanting; and the victories which he obtained from the beginning of the campaign, very soon placed his army above all want.

“This biographical note was given me by an officer who served several years in the same regiment as Buonaparte, and who was perfectly capable of appreciating him.” P. 381.

FARTHER TRAITS OF CHARACTER IN BUONAPARTE.

“NONE of the generals of the republic have performed services so important and so difficult. He is the only one amongst them who has not owed all his success to the superiority of his forces, or to political causes. Active, enterprising, able, and, above all, fortunate, he has committed few military faults, has not suffered his adversaries to commit any with impunity, and has not in person experienced one defeat. The war of Italy, which, till 1796, had been, if I may use the expression, only an episode of the general war, he made its principal and leading object; and there, where the Emperor seemed to have the least to apprehend, he made him experience the most sensible losses, and caused the most serious alarms.

“If Buonaparte has been so great as a general, he has been far from shewing

shewing himself so as a conqueror or as a man. The cruel manner in which he treated the towns of Milan, Pavia, Lugo, and Arquata; the burning of Binasco and several other villages; the massacre of a great number of their inhabitants; the outrages and pillages which he sanctioned by impunity as well as by his own example, have tarnished the splendour of his victories, and have left him no other claims to the admiration of posterity. The despotism which he exercised over the countries conquered by his arms, the excessive contributions which he imposed on the inhabitants, and the extreme rigour with which he enforced the measures ordered by the French government, have fortunately weakened the great effect of opinion, which his victories might have produced in Italy. Notwithstanding the formation of the Cispadan and Transpadan republics, and although they furnished many thousands of auxiliaries to the army of Buonaparte, one cannot doubt the aversion which the majority of the inhabitants of this country has for the French, and for their political principles. The violent insurrections which broke out whenever the latter had experienced any check, afford an unequivocal proof of the sentiments of hatred and vengeance with which they had inspired them as well as of all the evils which they had occasioned. If Buonaparte has by his political conduct placed himself below the height to which his military triumphs had raised him, neither has he kept up to it by his personal qualities. The bombast, the boasting, and the marvellous, which mark all his letters to the Directory, the constant exaggeration of the losses of the enemy, the ridiculously diminished estimate of his own, the perpetual representation of the destruction of the Austrian armies when they had only been beaten, the capture of Mantua so often announced as very near, many months before it took place, the circumstance of 4000 men laying down their arms at Lonardo at his command, have given to his narrative the appearance of a military romance; and still leave full doubts, not of the reality of his victories, but of the extent of their consequences.

“ In fact, if one takes the trouble to cast up the number of Austrians whom Buonaparte has successively de-

clared to be killed, wounded, and made prisoners, from the opening of the campaign to the capture of Mantua inclusively, we shall find that the killed or wounded amounted to near 50,000, and the prisoners to more than 100,000 men. In order to enable the reader to judge of the degree of credit which should be given to this enumeration, I will present an account of the number of Austrian troops sent into Italy, from the month of March 1796, to the month of January 1797, which I have every reason to believe to be a pretty correct statement.

The army of M. de Beauhieu at the opening of the campaign	30,000
Troops which came from the Upper Rhine with M. de Wurmser	30,000
Reinforcements sent to M. d'Alvinzy during the months of September, October, and November	25,000
Troops detached from the corps of M. de Frolich and the armed Tyrolese	11,000
Fresh reinforcements sent to M. d'Alvinzy in December and January	9,000
Total	105,000

“ From this statement, rather exaggerated than under-rated, we find that, according to the accounts sent by General Buonaparte, he must have taken, killed, or wounded, 45,000 men more than the Austrians employed in Italy during this campaign; not to mention that at least 10,000 died in the hospitals, and that after the capture of M. de Provera, and the defeat of M. d'Alvinzy at Rivoli, there still remained to the latter about 30,000 men, either in the Tyrol or on the Brenta.

“ Perhaps it may be acceptable to compare the statement which I have just given with that of the forces sent also by the French into Italy, and with that of the loss which they sustained.

The army of Buonaparte (or of the lower Alps) before the opening of the campaign	30,000
Troops drawn from the two armies which had made war in Spain, and which were	

were sent into Italy, in	
March, April, and May	35,000
Army of Kellerman, (or	
of the upper Alps), which,	
after the peace with the	
king of Sardinia, was suc-	
cessively incorporated with	
that of Buonaparte	
Reinforcements, which ar-	25,000
rived from the interior	
till January 15, 1797	18,000
Troops raised in Italy	12,000
Total	120,000

“ Buonaparte found himself at the end of January at the head of about 60,000 men. He had therefore lost at that period an equal number in killed, prisoners, rendered unfit for service, or dead in the hospitals; that is to say, only 15,000 less than the Austrians. If one is surprised that the difference between the loss of the one army almost always victorious, and that of the vanquished army, was not greater, a reason for it will be found in the indifference with which Buonaparte always lavished the blood of his soldiers; an indifference to which he owed almost all his success, in the sacrifices of men which he made at Lodi, at Fonteniva, and Arcole, and, more than all, in the disasters occasioned by the climate, the blockade of Mantua, and the intemperance of the French soldiery.” P. 355.

CHARACTERISTIC PARALLEL BE- TWEEN THE FRENCH AND AU- STRIAN ARMIES.

“ THESE are not the only causes which have given the French such a great superiority over the Austrians in this campaign. There are others which arose from the nature of the country in which the war was carried on, and from the difference between the soldiers respectively employed. The theatre of war has been very disadvantageous to the Austrians. The mountains of Piedmont and Tyrol are almost all extremely difficult of access. The vallies which separate them are covered with mulberry trees and vines, planted in hedge rows, or in arbours forming narrow covered ways, which must be forced one after the other by the soldier. The roads are defiles, lined with walls, and are nevertheless the only places where the

cavalry can act. The ground in Lombardy is not more favourable for war. It is not mountainous, but it is equally divided by vine and mulberry hedges, and the culture of rice requires a vast number of ditches full of water, which are no less embarrassing. A general must not hope to direct the movements of his troops on the ground: he can only manoeuvre on maps and according to the whole of his position taken together. In the Italian Tyrol a battalion can never march or attack in front. As soon as it advances to the enemy it must be scattered about as tirailleurs; then each man must act for himself, and consider himself alone as a small army. He must advance with rapidity when he is supported; retire in the same manner when he is not; he must fire a-propos, then put himself under cover; he must call his companions when he has found a good post. What disadvantage does not the Austrian soldier labour under in such a country! He is obliged to fight with a musket weighing eighteen pounds, to carry sixty cartridges, a very heavy knapsack, and a cloak around his breast which almost stifles him. In this condition he is to contend with the French soldier, whose musket weighs no more than a fowling piece, who has nothing but a wretched coat upon his back, which undoubtedly does not embarrass him, and whose natural agility as well as his species of courage renders very fit for this kind of war.

“ All new methods have succeeded in war from the Macedonian phalanx to the tactics of Frederick. The French owe a great part of their success to the new mode of fighting which they had adopted. They precipitate themselves like a swarm of wasps on all the points which they desire to force. Fifty drums beat the charge without ceasing: at this noise, which animates the assailants, and intimidates those who are to wait their attack, the bravest advance shouting and mutually encouraging each other. Young generals put themselves at their head, and share their dangers. The timid follows at some distance, and fills up the ground. Artillery has but little assisted the success of the French in Italy; they almost always charged with the bayonet. The Austrian army is brave, very brave; well managed, it would be the first in Europe. But nothing

nothing is done to excite and uphold the bravery and good-will of the soldier. He is left to all the horrors of his profession; the idea of killing or being killed is constantly presented to his mind naked and unqualified. It is never dignified by the enthusiasm of honour, by the sound of military music, and the rolling of the drum. At the moment of action they send into the rear the music, and the colours, those precious ensigns, which have both in ancient and modern times been so often the pledge of victory, and of the devotion of the soldiers. It is thus that an army, whose elements are almost perfect, has been so often beaten by one very inferior with respect to material composition. Positions and entrenchments have besides been constantly relied on, although it ought to have been observed that they were always carried. In this war inanimate nature has been of no use; living nature has done every thing.

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“ IN the history of your country a moment arrived, at which the wise, the brave, and the good of all parties cordially united. To repel the invader was a point in which every Englishman was agreed.

“ It was the grand centre of union; no beat of the drum, nor exhortation of the commander, was necessary to stimulate true Britons to the duty of defending their native land upon such an occasion. Every honest man volunteer'd his service; a common duty gave the alarm; a kind of natural affection animated courage; and every lover of his country waited *infinitively* for the hour that should summon him to action. It was, perhaps, the only cause in the support of which men of the most opposite passions and principles could meet. Accordingly it became, as before observed, a common cause; the generous public, though hardly pressed by the exigencies of a ruinous war, gave it their best support: our fleets and armies were equipped; and each man relied on the courage and good faith of the other.

“ But mischief was secretly at work; and in a quarter little to be suspected. A foul and unnatural, though, God be praised, not a general, piece of treachery was discovered, where, from local circumstances, we had placed the most strength. A link, in the great national chain that holds us together, was broken by some unruly spirits, even after they had declared their satisfaction with measures adopted in their favour. A disorderly part of the British seamen quarrelled even with the accomplishment of their own wishes; and while the main body of those valuable bulwarks set sail, with willing hearts, to pursue their duty on its proper element, we were assailed, as you know, my brave fellows, in our very ports, by the men whom we had bred, nourished, and rewarded; the circumstance was sudden, but we provided for it with manly alacrity. Indeed there cannot be a doubt, but in such a dilemma, England has not an arm that would not have been raised in her defence. Every noble would have left his mansion, every honest labourer his cottage, every virtuous man his occupation; not more to repel an insolent invader, than to chastise an ungrateful insurgent; but this universal patriotism will, I trust, never be necessary. The majority of the navy were found—and the army deserved our confidence. Your zeal, brave defenders, has been equal to our demands upon it. Your country smiles through her tears. The dark assassins who have tampered with your integrity, have only excited your manly indignation; and you have felt it not more as an insult on your country than on yourselves. Like pure gold tried in the fire, your virtue has come forth without alloy:—you have proved to the surrounding world that there is no base metal, no dross, in the heart of a British soldier.” P. 4.

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“ O HOW much better, nobler, and like the honest and true defenders you have heretofore proved yourselves; —how

—how glorious your satisfaction, having sufficiently *put in*, what you conceived your claims, to leave those who should ultimately redress them, to meditate on the recompence you require; and, in the *mean time*, **PROVE**, that you can remember honour in the midst of what you thought to be wrongs!

“ Turn then, I conjure you, the whole vigour of your hands and hearts from the assassination, to the salvation of your country. That salvation depends greatly on yourselves. It is in your power, from your possession of the element, which has for centuries been our defence on the one hand, to stain the land which holds your wives, your children, and your lovers, with unnatural gore, for who can tell where civil massacre shall stop!—or, on the other, to establish the characters of protectors.

“ Remember, as you now conduct yourselves, your names will be conveyed to future ages, as a disgrace, or as an honour, to their forefathers. If you persist in your present measures, your boasted **TRUE BLUE** will be stained for ever! Shame! Shame! After all our naval honours, shall it be said, as a reproach, ‘ Hearts of Oak ARE our Ships, Hearts of Oak WERE our Men! ’ Avoid it, or dread the consequences. Your mistresses will desert you! Where is the honest-hearted girl who will trust a sailor, **FALSE-HEARTED TO OLD ENGLAND?** Your wives will blush for you! Your children will be ashamed to follow a profession which their fathers have disgraced! You will more than *bastardize* them.

“ But it is not too late to restore your characters. I have shewn you the way. Pursue it. Return to your sworn duty. Leave the proof of wrong, if **ANY REALLY REMAINS**, in the hands of those who love you: but consider those as your worst enemies who would dare to seduce you to seize the laws, which were formed to protect Englishmen. Beware how you forfeit their protection. Be **GOOD MEN** and **TRUE SAILORS**: not ruffians! not assassins! And **ATTEND TO THIS**—should your conduct help to throw your country into confusion, there is not a Frenchman who would not despise you as traitors!

“ I implore you, therefore, by all that is dear to your hearts, and honourable to your feelings, to *resume yourselves!*—Turn every instrument of death and of desolation from the bosoms of your countrymen;—display your ensigns of loving-kindness to the faithful **SOLDIERS** who have set you an example of honourable conduct; point your cannon to the proper mark;—but before you quit the port, let the flag of *true* honour and *true* courage prevail over that of ungenerous rebellion. Unfurl your sails,—invite the officers, whom you have dismantled of *their* rights, to accept *their* stations; and let it be a *voluntary* action of a community, so brave as your former selves, to return to its obedience. The Almighty himself could not conduct the affairs of the world to any wise or good end, had the atoms that form the strength and harmony of his universe the power to prove lawless and undisciplined.

“ Your immediate return to duty will multiply your requisitions a thousand fold: it would make them a common cause. I would answser with the blood which now feeds the heart that has always loved and honoured you, that your adoption of this council would make every other heart in the island rise like my own, determined to see you were rewarded, even to the fullness of every manly wish, if you have not been so already.

“ In a word, the moment before you is the only one left you to **RE-DEEM** your characters as **BRITISH TARS**, or consign you to **ETERNAL infamy.**” *P. 9.*

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" IN the history of your country a moment arrived, at which the wise, the brave, and the good of all parties cordially united. To repel the invader was a point in which every Englishman was agreed.

" It was the grand centre of union; no beat of the drum, nor exhortation of the commander, was necessary to stimulate true Britons to the duty of defending their native land upon such an occasion. Every honest man volunteer'd his service; a common duty gave the alarm; a kind of natural affection animated courage; and every lover of his country waited *instinctively* for the hour that should summon him to action. It was, perhaps, the *only* cause in the support of which men of the most opposite passions and principles could meet. Accordingly it became, as before observed, a common cause; the generous public, though hardly pressed by the exigencies of a ruinous war, gave it their best support: our fleets and armies were equipped: and each man relied on the courage and good faith of the other.

CIV. A Letter to the Tars of Old England. By MR. PRATT. 8vo.
pp. 15. 3d. Debrett.

EXTRACT.

" O HOW much better, nobler, and like the honest and true defenders you have heretofore proved yourselves; —how

—how glorious your satisfaction, having sufficiently *put in*, what you conceived your claims, to leave those who should ultimately redrefs them, to meditate on the recompense you require; and, in the mean time, PROVE, that you can remember honour in the midst of what you thought to be wrongs!

“ Turn then, I conjure you, the whole vigour of your hands and hearts from the assassination, to the salvation of your country. That salvation depends greatly on yourselves. It is in your power, from your possession of the element, which has for centuries been our defence on the one hand, to stain the land which holds your wives, your children, and your lovers, with unnatural gore, for who can tell where civil massacre shall stop!—or, on the other, to establish the characters of protectors.

“ Remember, as you now conduct yourselves, your names will be conveyed to future ages, as a disgrace, or as an honour, to their forefathers. If you persist in your present measures, your boasted TRUE BLUE will be stained for ever! Shame! Shame! After all our naval honours, shall it be said, as a reproach, ‘ Hearts of Oak ARE our Ships, Hearts of Oak WERE our Men! ’ Avoid it, or dread the consequences. Your mistresses will desert you! Where is the honest-hearted girl who will trust a sailor, FALSE-HEARTED TO OLD ENGLAND? Your wives will blush for you! Your children will be ashamed to follow a profession which their fathers have disgraced! You will more than *bastardize* them.

“ But it is not too late to restore your characters. I have shewn you the way. Pursue it. Return to your sworn duty. Leave the proof of wrong, if ANY REALLY REMAINS, in the hands of those who love you: but consider those as your worst enemies who would dare to seduce you to seize the laws, which were formed to protect Englishmen. Beware how you forfeit their protection. BE GOOD MEN and TRUE SAILORS: not ruffians! not assassins! And ATTEND TO THIS—should your conduct help to throw your country into confusion, there is not a Frenchman who would not despise you as traitors!

“ I implore you, therefore, by all that is dear to your hearts, and honourable to your feelings, to resume yourselves!—Turn every instrument of death and of desolation from the bosoms of your countrymen;—display your ensigns of loving-kindness to the faithful SOLDIERS who have set you an example of honourable conduct; point your cannon to the proper mark;—but before you quit the port, let the flag of *true* honour and *true* courage prevail over that of ungenerous rebellion. Unfurl your sails.—invite the officers, whom you have dismantled of *their* rights, to accept their stations; and let it be a voluntary action of a community, so brave as your former selves, to return to its obedience. The Almighty himself could not conduct the affairs of the world to any wise or good end, had the atoms that form the strength and harmony of his universe the power to prove lawless and undisciplined.

“ Your immediate return to duty will multiply your requisitions a thousand fold: it would make them a common cause. I would answr with the blood which now feeds the heart that has always loved and honoured you, that your adoption of this council would make every other heart in the island rise like my own, determined to see you were rewarded, even to the fullness of every manly wish, if you have not been so already.

“ In a word, the moment before you is the only one left you to RE-DEEM your characters as BRITISH TARS, or consign you to ETERNAL infamy.” P. 9.

CV. Poems. By T. F. DIBDIN.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE PREFATORY LETTER.

“ IN reading these pages, you will easily perceive that the Poems have been, at various times, and progressively composed: *The Pastorals*, and *Laura to Cecilia*, I wrote when I had just attained my sixteenth year.

" Twickenham Meadows, *The Epistles*,
 " The Pleasures of intellectual
 " Refinement, and, indeed, all the
 " rest, were finished within three
 " years after them. As you well
 " know the leisure which a college
 " life affords, you may be sure my
 " poetic moods became more fre-
 " quent, and my opportunities of
 " application more various, than
 " amidst the perpetual bustle and
 " perplexities of a school. I men-
 " tion all this, from motives which
 " I am sure you will construe in
 " the most obvious and liberal
 " manner; and I make this com-
 " munication to the world, with
 " the idea that my youth will plead
 " something, by way of softening
 " acrimony into forbearance, and
 " severity into candour: should I
 " fail of obtaining any little share
 " of praise at present, my time of
 " life, perhaps, will not cut off
 " all hopes of amendment.
 " What I have principally aimed
 " at was a smoothness of metre,
 " and a simplicity of incident: un-
 " ambitions of alpiring to 'the su-
 " blime,' and undevirous of de-
 " scending to the trivial, I have
 " endeavoured to walk in the plain
 " practical path of the Muses; to
 " select subjects which rather de-
 " mand a common conception, and
 " which, nevertheless, afford, I
 " hope, a satisfactory share of en-
 " tertainment. Surely, all monu-
 " ments of human genius need not
 " be the same! there are orders—
 " there are degrees—some may be
 " lasting, though not so durable as
 " adamant: some may be lofty,
 " though not so towering as the
 " pyramid;—peaceful and serene
 " lie the heads of those secured and
 " immortalized by such stupendous
 " memorials! the laurels which
 " thicken and blossom about *them*,
 " need not cast others into a barren
 " shade; and though there may be
 " difference in luxuriancy of ver-
 " dure, I trust there may be a simi-
 " larity in purity of growth."

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EXTRACT

FROM "THE PLEASURES OF INTEL-
LECTUAL REFINEMENT."

" WHAT joys Refinement to our
 " minds may bring,
 Nature's fair objects and her charms I
 sing.
 " Oh, Melusina! fav'rite of my
 " song,
 To whose just sense such worthy themes
 belong,
 Deign to accept my lay; fay, whence
 the cause,
 What is Refinement, whence it claims
 its laws;
 Whence that fine polish in the human
 breast,
 That makes true manly reason stand
 confess;
 That elevation breathing thro' the
 mind,
 Expanding senses, and a soul refin'd;
 That source that lifts th' intellectual
 pow'rs,
 To rove delighted thro' meads, lawns,
 and bow'rs:
 That source that pours such extacy of
 soul,
 Completes the man, and perfect makes
 the whole:
 That dawning virtue which our breast
 inspires
 To feel, and own at times, celestial
 fires:
 Say, whence the cause?—for these are
 chiefly bought
 By wisdom's rules, which distant ages
 sought.
 " First then, before the image can
 be made,
 The mould itself must be completely
 laid;

No

No flaw, no crevice, must in sight appear,
Or no great beauty will th' impression bear:
Just so, before Refinement forms the mind,
Our **DISPOSITION** must not be confin'd;
No ruffle, rancour, vice, ought e'er infest
The glowing mind, or taint the generous breast:
Whate'er Refinement to our aid may bring,
Know, 'tis from early virtues blessings spring.
" From disposition, **GENIUS** comes in view,
And pours luxurious gifts for ever new;
Now buoys, now elevates, aloft it soars
From earth to heav'n, from heav'n to earth it low'rs;
Scuds o'er extensive plains, and tends afar
To climes remote, and brings each object near:
Oh, Genius! thee, the fav'rite of the train,
I court—Say, when to mortals wilt thou deign
To tell thy copious source? with thee, the mind
Dares pen each thought, and glows with joy refin'd;
Depictures scenes, and bounding at each view
Thro' airy worlds, it seeks for worlds anew!
Haste now, and bring me to the battle's rage,
Where man with man, and steed with steed engage;
Bring me to Cressy's plains, so fam'd afar!
And place me 'midst the thunder of the war—
Ah no—let's fly to peace, her gentle reign
That pours eternal blessings on each plain;
Where harmony and love range hand in hand,
And choicest culture crowns each fertile land:
O'er hills, in groves, thro' meads, 'midst bow'rs, we'll go,
And taste each blessing that is sought below.

Oh, Genius! chief support, adorn my theme,
And aid the song that tells Refinement's fame.
" Thus then, when Genius pours her endless joys,
And ev'ry sense and ev'ry pow'r employs,
Let not the disposition thwart her end, But **INDUSTRY** and Care together blend:
Whate'er advantage genius may bestow,
'Tis Industry that makes each pow'r to grow:
Whate'er kind Nature to our parts may give,
'Tis Industry that makes those parts to live;
Genius must then lie hid, tho' e'er so great;
The mind that holds this cannot be complete.
" As, when a gem with native lustre lies,
And buried in the mine, for ever dies,
What worth attends it? but if found, perchance,
The artist's hands the sparkling gem enhance,
So let our genius ever be display'd,
When application lends its firmer aid.
" Oh, **INDUSTRY**! thou goddess, ever fair,
Celestial odours fan thy happier air!
Thy power for ever lasts—while Sloth behind
Lags prowling on, to her own welfare blind—
While gloomy cares infest her opiate seat,
And tedious loathsome joys in one black cloud retreat!
But thou, blithe nymph, with all thy buxom train,
Cheer'st each sad foul, and gladden'st ev'ry plain:
See peace, content, for ever laugh around,
And spring eternal deck the blushing ground!
While blue-ey'd nymphs with rosy feet advance,
And ravish'd swains lead up the jocund dance!
Such crowns their labour—thus they pass their hours
In lawns, hills, meads, dales, plains, and groves and bow'rs!

Fair Industry for ever let me praise,
 Her let me chant—she crown my votive
 lays—
 Bid ev'ry thought with fervency to
 glow,
 And smooth each line, in softer strains
 to flow;
 Ripe each labour, ease the anxious
 mind,
 And crown each work by wisdom's
 hand design'd.
 Thee I implore—Oh aid my adventu-
 rous song!
 Haste in thy car, fair nymph, and bring
 thy train along.
 “ Thus then, when Industry shall
 stand confess'd,
 With EDUCATION let each mind be
 blest'd:
 Soften the ruder passions, and con-
 trol
 The unruly breast, and steer th' unskil-
 ful foul.
 “ Of all the blessings that adorn our
 kind,
 And give to man the great, the exalt-
 ed mind,
 Bid him above the brute creation rise,
 Erect his head, and tow'r amidst the
 skies,
 Fair Education stands the first in
 fame;
 What gifts, what homage, should at-
 tend that name!
 “ Now when the various passions
 grow refin'd,
 And blending virtues deck the liberal
 mind,
 NATURE's the field—fair Nature courts
 the sight—
 Adorn'd with ev'ry charm that breathes
 delight:
 She pours along the earth in loose at-
 tire,
 And with her rosy hand she strikes th'
 accordant lyre:
 With this she sings ‘ how Chaos, dark
 and rude,
 * Sprang into life, with various forms
 endu'd:
 * How darkness held her frightful,
 lifeless reign,
 * And how herself droop'd at its
 pow'rful fane;
 * When at th' Almighty's nod the fet-
 ters brake,
 * Form'd was each void, the loose
 foundations shake:
 * Nature and order took their various
 stand,
 * Alternate water, and alternate land.’

These the great works of heav'n's om-
 niscent Lord,
 Nature resounds, and sweeps her echo-
 ing chord;
 Her golden locks in melting ringlets
 flow,
 And in her face, love, truth, and
 beauty glow:
 Her snowy breast, and blushing cheek,
 disclose
 The virgin snow-drop, and enamour'd
 rose;
 Her azure robes with various gems in-
 laid,
 The pansied mead and flow'ry bed dis-
 play'd:
 The radiant zone that bound her
 yielding waist,
 Shew'd the pale ivy round the oak em-
 brac'd:
 The polish'd sandals that adorn her
 feet,
 Told how the various leaves and blos-
 soms meet.
 In hills, woods, groves, meads, lawns,
 and ev'ry dale,
 Deep bow'rs, shell'd grotts, green
 glades, and chequer'd vale,
 She holds her seat—eternal source of
 joy!
 Thou, NATURE, thou each aid, each
 art employ!
 Infuse each gift, assist the trust so great,
 ‘ From nature's mode refinement shines
 complete.’
 “ Now, MELUSINA, in the country
 now,
 At last we're come—from yonder
 mountain's brow
 Let's view the prospect—what a glow-
 ing sight
 Meets the quick eye, and kindles fresh
 delight!
 How blending Nature ornaments each
 place,
 And gay confusion adds a pleasing
 grace!
 What glowing tints from yonder
 mount exhale,
 What warmer lustre animates the vale!
 'Tis morning all—celestial odours
 rise—
 And fragrant dews waft incense to the
 skies!
 Hark! how the choirs of earliest birds
 resound!
 How matin sweets breathe harmony
 around!
 Say, MELUSINA, shall we onward
 rove,
 Or enter the recluses of the grove?
 Where

Where sparkling dew-drops glitter in array,
And pendant minerals emulate the day!

Where the stream winding glides along the green,
And verdant willows intercept between:

Here is all beauty—Nature stands confess'd,
In unaffected grace, and nicest order dress'd.

“ But now mid-day pours down its cogent heat,
And lowing herds to peaceful shades retreat.

Out-stretch'd upon the grass the shepherd sleeps,
While from alarm the dog his master keeps:

The winding rivers pant amidst their tide,
And shrubs their head beneath the chestnut hide:

To shun the sultry heat let us prepare,
And by a stream to some cool bank repair:

Hark! how the bulfinch pours his mellow strain,
And—what a stillness breathes along the plain!

On Contemplation's wing let's soar along,
And seek **REFINEMENT** to adorn the song.

“ Oh, say, ye great, ye rich, ah, tell me why!
Amidst your soft voluptuous joys ye lie?

Why are your passions ruffled at each breeze?
Why robb'd so soon of rosy health and ease?

In affluence' downy couch repose your head,
And spring, transported, on fair pleasure's bed?
Pant for fresh scenes, and seek delights anew,
And grasp each object bounding to your view?

—All, all, arises from an anxious mind,
To narrow views, and narrower hopes confin'd:
Inconstant Fortune plays a slippery game,
More pleas'd to humble than exalt your fame:

Say, where is all that pomp that charm'd before?

Your fortune bluffed, and ye charm no more—

Say, where's the splendour that once shone so fair?

Your riches, honour?—vanish'd in the air—

What then remains—perchance you have a foul—

A mind perchance—but neither of them whole—

Part of your soul, your mind, is fled away

With former glories, and desert to-day:

With what remains, it aggravates each thought,

Or turns to something new, by fancy caught:

Thus, thus ye wear away—while nought remains

To wipe off pleasure's everlasting stains.” P. 49.

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EXTRACTS.

JOHN AND JOAN.

A TALE.

“ HAIL, wedded love! the Bard thy beauty hails!
Though mix'd, at times, with cock and hen-like *sparrings*:
But *calms* are very pleasant after *gales*,
And dove-like *Peace* much sweeter after *warrings*.

I've written—I forget the page, indeed,
But folks may find it, if they choose to read—

- That MARRIAGE is too sweet without some sour—
- Variety oft recommends a flow'r.
- Wedlock should be like punch, some sweet, some acid;
- Then life is nicely turbulent and placid.
- A picture that is all in light—
- Lord, what a thing! a very fright!
- No, let some darkness be display'd;
- And learn to balance well with shade.'

JOHN married JOAN—they frown'd,
they smil'd;
Now parted, and now made a child:
Now tepid flow'rs of LOVE, now chilling snows;
Much like the seafons of the year;
Or like a brook, now thick, now clear;
Now scarce a rill, and now a torrent flows.

One day they had a desperate quarrel
About a little small-beer barrel,
Without John's knowledge slyly tapp'd
by Joan;
For Joan, to oblige her old friend Hodge,
Thought asking leave of John was fudge;
And so she wisely left the leave alone.
It happ'd that John and Joan had not
two beds
To rest their angry, frowning brace of heads;
Ergo there was but one
To rest their gentle jaws upon.
‘I'll have a board between us,’ cried the man—
‘With all my spirit, John,’ replied the wife.
A board was plac'd, according to their plan:
Thus ended this barrier at once the strife.

On the first night the husband lay
Calm as a clock, nor once wink'd over—
Calm as a clock, too, let me say,
Joan never squinted on her lover.
Two, three, four nights, the sulky
PAIR,
Like two still mice, devoid of care,

In philosophic silence sought repose;
On the fifth morn, it chanc'd to please
John's nose to sneeze—
‘God bless you, dear!’ quoth Joan at John's loud nose.

At this John gave a sudden start,
And, popping o'er the hedge, his head—
‘Joan, did you say it from your heart?’
‘Yes, John, I did, indeed, indeed!’
‘You did?’—‘Yes, John, upon my word—
‘ounds, Joan, then take away the board!’

Thus it will be with you and PITT
agen;
Love will beam forth, that ev'ry love
surpasses;
The GROCERS be themselves, sweet-
temper'd men,
And fouse him in a hoghead of molas.
Thus will CONTENTION take away
the bone,
And you and PITT kiss friends, like
John and Joan.” P. 22.

EXTRACT FROM THE ODE ON SIR JOSEPH BANKS.

“ HOW could Sir Joseph have the face
To take so dignified a place?
But probably the knight will say,
the elf,
‘ Why should not I, as well as some of those
Who this fame wondrous board compose?
‘ There are not wiser fellows than myself.’

To give the Devil his due,
That's true.—

While PITT harangues on France and Spain,
SIR JOSEPH's on a beetle's brain.
A fly, a toad, a tadpole's tail:
While PITT is on the Emperor's loan,
For Britain's jaws so hard a bone,
SIR JOSEPH's on a weed and snail!

While PITT is thinking of supplies,
And turns, poor man! his hopeless eyes
On

On what may lift us from the bog;
The Knight his head for flea-traps
rakes,
Or louse-traps, or deep-studying
makes

A pair of breeches for a frog*.

While MAJESTY and his wife Nobles
Shall weep o'er England's groans and
troubles,

Ordering great guns to make the
Frenchmen caper;

Of reptiles will the Knight be dream-
ing,

And instruments for insects scheming,
To stretch their little limbson paper.

Gods! if amidst some grand debate,
All for the good of our great state,
A mob should flutter, would the
man sit quiet?

Forgetting state affairs, the Knight
Would seize his hat with wild delight,

And, chancing, make the most infer-
nal riot:

O'erturning benches, statesmen, ev'ry
thing,
To make a pris'ner of the mealy wing."

P. 33.

Progress of Idolatry — Different Species of Fables—Conjectures on their Origin—Division of Time into "the unknown, the fabulous, and "the historical." — The Olympic Games—Effects produced in Greece, and in the West, by the Arrival of the Eastern Colonies—of Hesiod and Homer—Different Orders of Deities—Particular History of the Gods, celestial, terrestrial, and infernal—Goddeses—Heroes—Demi-gods, &c. &c.—Branching into the most copiously extensive Researches, accompanied throughout with historical Enquiries and Comparisons, involving an Explanation of the Division of the World—Probable and positive Foundations from which the Metamorphoses, particular Fables, personal Representations, and fictitious Attributes of the Gods, have taken their Rise—their different Names—Modes of Worship, &c.—Historical and fabulous Accounts of the Calydonian Hunt, Theban, and Trojan Wars—Of the Antiquity of Temples—Of the Oracles, Sybils, and Sacred Games.

The Work concludes with Enquiries, and answerable Information, relative to the Religion of the first Inhabitants of Great Britain, Druidical Ceremonies, &c. &c.

EXTRACTS

FROM AN ENQUIRY INTO THE RELI- GION OF THE FIRST INHABITANTS OF GREAT BRITAIN.

"THE most famous of all the Celtic nations were those who inhabited the countries of Gaul, and it is to the historians of the nations with whom they were engaged in frequent wars, that they are indebted for their celebrity. Julius Cæsar and Tacitus say, that Great Britain was the first country peopled by the Celtic Gauls. The situation of the respective places renders this opinion probable, and the conformity of language and customs

ANALYTICAL OUTLINE.

PRELIMINARY Reflections upon
the Origin of Idolatry—Traditions
of the Chaldeans—Of the
Egyptians—Origin of Idolatry.—
"It appears that it is in the family
of Cham we must seek for the
first appearance of idolatry."—

* * * See the works of Bonnet and Spalanzani, a pair of frog-taylors, who employed a great deal of time and ingenuity in cutting out taffey breeches for the males of the little croaking nation, during their amours, in order to establish some beautiful and delicate facts relative to impregnation."

which

which existed between the Britons and the Gauls, leaves no doubt concerning this origin. It may be supposed, that the Gaulish colony first settled in that part of the island which was opposite to their own country, from whence extending themselves by degrees, they afterwards peopled the whole island. Whatever be the origin of the inhabitants of Great Britain, they were sufficiently numerous, and especially sufficiently courageous, to resist the Romans, when masters of the whole known world besides. Their government was at that time a mixture of monarchy and aristocracy. The chief superintended the execution of the laws, but the legislative power was lodged in the hands of the druids. These priests, so celebrated for their own divinations, and that of their wives, for their pretended intercourse with heaven, and for their manner of living, which was solitary and austere, were regarded by the people as the infallible organs of the Divinity. It was by the command of these sovereign pontiffs that the people united under one chief, whose office, like that of the Roman Dictator, lasted no longer than was necessary to repel danger, or terminate a war.

" The druids preserved this extensive authority a long time among the Celts, particularly in Great Britain, but after the second century their credit declined fast. Wars became frequent, and the nobility, carried away by their impetuous courage, were no longer solicitous to enter into this order. The number of priests diminished, and precepts of religion were quickly corrupted, or nearly forgotten, in the tumults of a camp. Victory, by favouring those chiefs, who were called *Vergobrets* (a title equal to that of king) rendered them more independant of the druids.

" Treminor, great grandfather of the celebrated Fingal, having been elected *vergobret* by the victorious tribes which he had led to battle, the druids sent a deputation to him, desiring him to lay down his authority. A refusal on the part of Treminor brought on a civil war, in which great numbers of the druids perished.

" Those who escaped the slaughter fled, and concealed themselves in the depth of the forests and in caverns, where they used to retire to pursue their meditations, and the *vergobrets*,

or kings, then took the whole authority into their own hands. However, the kings and heads of tribes, to give stability to their power, to show their respect for religion, and to have some to celebrate their exploits, recalled the bards from their solitary retreat. The office of the inferior class of druids was to sing the praises of gods and heroes. Conquerors, emulous of immortalizing their names, spared these dispensers of glory, invited them to their camp, and gratitude animating the poetry of the bards, they described their protectors as heroes possessed of every virtue. These disciples of the druids were admitted to the science and mysteries of their preceptors. Their talents and knowledge gave them a superiority over the vulgar. They employed their poetical abilities in describing every virtue and every heroic sentiment. Kings eagerly endeavoured to imitate the heroes of their favourite poems; chieftains of tribes strove to follow their example; and this noble emulation being communicated throughout the whole nation, formed that general character of the inhabitants of Great Britain, who, to the noble courage which dignifies a free nation, have ever united the most engaging virtues of civilized society.

" The glory of a great people rouses the genius of the man possessed by nature of sensibility and a lively imagination; he burns with a desire of immortalizing his country. Common language appears unequal to the actions he means to celebrate; metre and harmony he knows will more easily impress his subject upon the memory. This undoubtedly gave rise to poetry in every nation; and this art constituted part of the religion of the druids. The custom, common to every nation, of repeating historical poems on solemn occasions, and of teaching them to their children, was sufficient to preserve them for a long time without the assistance of writing. The Germans have transmitted these poetical traditions for eight hundred years; it is not astonishing then, that the inhabitants of Great Britain, ever so much attached to the memory of their ancestors, should have handed down from generation to generation the poems of their bards. It was this custom, preserved among the most distant inhabitants of the

the mountains, which enabled Mr. Macpherson to collect the poetry of the celebrated Ossian.

" The bards, after having long been the principal instructors and historians of their country, descended from these high functions to become the flatterers of those who protected them, or the slanderers of those whom they regarded as their enemies.

" Little passions have always the pernicious property of misleading, and even extinguishing genius.

" The bards, in forgetting the noble inspirations of their predecessors, retained no other power than that of amusing or flattering the vain. They soon lost all their importance with the great, and the multitude alone deigned to receive them favourably.

" No longer possessed of the talent which renders virtue engaging, they invented fables of enchanted castles, of dwarfs, giants, &c. The sober truths of history gave place to the marvellous fictions of romance. The abuse of this talent brought the bards into contempt; the people themselves grew weary of them, and they disappeared. The warlike hero, however, was not forgetful of his valour, he would not renounce the flattering advantage of hearing the celebration of his exploits. Courage, and the noble desire of succouring the oppressed, and redressing their wrongs, produced that spirit of chivalry which gave birth to prodigies of heroism. Illustrious actions awakened the genius of a class of men who came to replace the bards, under the name of Troubadours. This appears to be the period from which we must date the commencement of those books of chivalry, so extraordinary, and yet so full of charms, that even now they excite our admiration. In reading them it is necessary to recollect, that to please they must possess probability, for it is only by imitating nature that art can please. What idea then ought we to entertain of those knights they were intended to describe? In the romance of the Round Table, of St. Greal, of Amadis, &c. reason will ever teach us to rescind what appears to be merely marvellous, but the noble and the brave will never call in question the prodigies achieved by valour. It is remarkable that England is generally made the theatre of chivalry by the

Troubadours, and ancient writers of that description. We must likewise take notice that all historians, after describing the druids as priests much superior to those of all other nations, agree in giving the druids of England a superiority over all others. They extol those of the college of Chartres, those of the forest of Marseilles, those in the environs of Thoulouse, but they all add, that when any in these colleges were found to possess great talents, they were sent to finish their instruction among the druids of Britain. The result of these observations is, that from the most distant periods, the inhabitants of Great Britain have ever excited the admiration of surrounding nations, by their wisdom, learning and courage.

" RELIGIOUS OPINIONS OF THE FIRST INHABITANTS OF GREAT BRITAIN.

" IT appears certain that the original Britons erected no temple to the Divinity. Nay, we find in the poems of Ossian, that sublime bard expressing his contempt for the temples and worship of Odin, god of the Scandinavians, whom he calls Loda. Ossian represents these people as invoking their god round a statue, which he calls the stone of power. He reprobates this worship, and considers it as impious. The druids, bards, and the people whom they instructed, regarded all nature as the temple of the Divinity. That they had notions of a Supreme Being cannot be doubted, since they believed in the immortality of the soul, and in the rewards and punishments of a future life. Their opinion was, that the clouds were the habitation of souls after their separation from the body. The brave and virtuous were received with joy into the aerial palaces of their fathers, whilst the wicked, the cowardly, and the cruel, were excluded the abode of heroes, and condemned to wander, the sport of every wind. There were different mansions in the palaces of the clouds; the principal of which were assigned to merit and courage; and this idea was a great incitement to the emulation of their warriors. The soul always preserved the same passions which it possessed during life; these aerial palaces offered no other enjoyment than what they had preferred

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when living. They supposed that winds and storms were under the direction of departed spirits, but their power never extended over man. A hero could not be admitted into the palace of his fathers, unless the bards had sung his funeral hymn. This hymn appears to have been the only essential ceremony of their funerals. The body was extended on a bed of clay, at the bottom of a grave six or eight feet deep. At the head of a warrior they placed his sword and twelve arrows; the corpse was covered with a second body of clay, and upon this they laid the horns of a stag, or some other wild beast. Sometimes they killed his favourite dog, to lay on this second body of clay; the whole was then covered with fine mould, and four stones marked the extent of the tomb.

"None but a bard could open the gates of the aerial palaces, which he did by chanting the funeral hymn. Neglect of this ceremony left the soul in the exhalations of the lake Lego, or some other, and to these unhappy souls they attributed the disorders arising from the vapour of lakes or marshes, which are so frequent and sometimes even mortal. We may see with what care the druids encouraged opinions which rendered their ministry so consoling and so necessary. Death was not supposed to have the power of dissolving the ties of blood. The shades of the dead took part in the happy or unfortunate events of their friends. No nation had so implicit a belief in apparitions. The mountaineers, in particular, seeming to take pleasure in their gloomy ideas, frequently passed whole nights upon a heath; the whistling of the wind, or the noise of torrents, made them imagine they heard the voice of the dead, and if surprised by sleep in the midst of these reveries, they regarded their dreams as certain prognostics of futurity. Good and bad spirits did not appear in the same manner, the good showed themselves to their friends during the day in retired pleasant vallies, the bad were never seen but at night in the midst of winds and tempests. Neither did death destroy the charms of the fair. The shades of these preserved their original form and beauty. No terror accompanied them; when they traversed the air, all their motions

were graceful, and the gentle noise of their approach had something in it pleasing and encouraging. At the moment of executing any great enterprise, they imagined that the souls of their fathers descended from the clouds to foretel their good or ill success: and when they did not appear, gave them notice at least by some omen. Every man thought he had his tutelar shade, who always attended him. When death approached, this guardian spirit showed itself to him in the position in which he was to die, and sent forth plaintive cries of sorrow. On the death of a great personage, they were persuaded that the souls of departed bards sung round his phantom during three whole nights. It was a received opinion among them, that the moment a warrior ceased to exist, the arms in his house were covered with blood; that his spectre went to visit the place of his birth, and that it appeared to his dogs, which set up dismal yells at the sight of it.

"It was to these spirits they attributed the major part of natural effects. If echo struck the ear, it was the spirit of the mountain they heard. The hollow sound of the tempest, was the roaring of the spirit of the hill. Did the harp of a bard receive a vibration from the wind, it was the shades, who by this gentle touch announced the death of some distinguished character. No king nor chief resigned his breath, but this prophetic sound was rendered by the harps of the bards belonging to his family. We feel how consoling it must have appeared to people all nature with the shades of their friends and ancestors, by whom they supposed themselves constantly surrounded. Notwithstanding all the melancholy which must accompany such an idea, we are sensible how interesting and pleasing it must have been.

"It was sufficient to engage and fill the imagination; and it is undoubtedly to this cause we must attribute the small number of divinities which were honoured among the ancient Britons; it appears even certain that they only acquired a knowledge of Elus, Dis, Pluto, Samothes, Teutates, and other deities, by means of their intercourse with foreign nations. The Picts and Saxons introduced among them their Andate, goddesses

goddess of victory. The Romans like-wife made them acquainted with some of their divinities.

" We are assured by Tacitus and Dion Cassius, that the Gauls first brought into England the horrid custom of sacrificing human victims. By extending our researches farther, we might discover likewise vestiges of the Phœnician worship; for every thing leads us to conclude, that in the earliest ages of the world these first of navigators known brought their merchandize into Britain, which they exchanged for tin. But we shall enter no farther into particulars concerning those religious ceremonies which they derived from foreign nations, since every history, tradition, and custom, proves, in the most convincing manner, that the religion of the Druids alone was universally adopted." *P. 487.*

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EXTRACTS.

" 9. I DO not see why Englishmen could not establish, or rather recommend or propose the establishing in many of the European cities, institutions similar to those which reflect such credit on this country—(and by that means benefit themselves (if they are so inclined) by being appointed secretaries (or managing officers)—viz. the Asylum, or House of Refuge, for the reception of Friendless and Deserted Orphan Girls, " who are daily sheltered and protected from vice and want, supplied with food and raiment, and prevented being exposed to the miseries of want, to the solicitations of the vicious, and to all the dreadful consequences of early seduction"—the Philanthropic Society—the Magdalen—the Lying-In Hospital—the Foundling—and establishments similar to some of our general dispensaries, and to our county infirmaries. I am certain the late Empress of Russia would

would generously have attended to proposals of this kind. She engaged some English gentlemen (at very handsome salaries) to promote and superintend agricultural societies in her empire. Why could not more of these be established on the Continent?

" 16. Establish in London an office solely and purposely for the letting of lodgings. Each one wishing to take lodgings, to pay one shilling for searching the books. Each person who wishes to enter their lodgings in the books to pay likewise one shilling. The smallness of the fee would insure success. Establish the like office in Bristol, Liverpool, Dublin, and Edinburgh.

" 17. Establish an office solely and purposely for deciding causes and disputes by arbitration. To be composed of capital merchants and others, of sense and unfulfilled integrity. This idea struck the great and enlarged minds of Lord Mansfield and Sir William Blackstone. Forcibly too did it strike that elegant scholar, that generous and unfulfilled man, that eloquent pleader, the late Foster Bower. A lord of several villages in Castille, (in order to counteract the chicanery and expences which oppresses the middling classes) has erected a court, composed of the oldest and most intelligent inhabitants, out of which the contending parties chuse umpires to settle the differences without any other advocates.

" 38. Publish a *Lady's Weekly Newspaper*. We have Lady's Magazines; and why not a Newpaper, adapted to the female mind, to female pursuits?

" 44. A very interesting tract might be written *On the Poverty and Sufferings of Men of Genius*. Many selections might be made from the history of various countries. Among the natives of this isle, *Orway* and *Goldsmith* instantly strike one—. Nahum Tate (who altered Lear) died in the Mint, where he was forced to seek shelter, in extreme poverty—the best part of the days of Collins (those days in which 'imagination is on the wing') were depressed and chilled by melancholy poverty. Mr. Boswell (about 1731 and 1732) relates two striking instances of the poverty of Johnson. The only consolation of Phaedrus's ship-wrecked man of genius was, the possession of his *talents*

and *fancy*. See a book called *De Infortunis Literorum*; it is worth perusal; it might be translated, with Notes, Additions, or Illustrations.

" 68. Were ten or twelve gentlemen of ease and property (friends to each other) to meet once a week, they might form a club (known only to themselves, and without any reference or proclamation to the public) by which they might dispense blessings unknown. They might each perambulate different parts of this metropolis, privately to find out objects of most deplorable distress, such as in general escape common observation. At each weekly meeting, each member might communicate the miserable objects he had beheld, and proportion the relief or charity to be given them. What urged Mr. Burke so eloquently to paint the character of Mr. Howard, but from this latter gentleman's having 'fathomed the very depth of misery'?

" The following paragraph (just copied from a newspaper of April 1797) will shew how easy and how very cheap it is to dispense comfort and happiness and blessings to the poor:—*'Six poor debtors were last week discharged from Knottingley Gaol, Pontefract, by the sum of 15l. 15s. given for that purpose, by B. Cooke, Esq.'* Possibly these poor men had families starving, when deprived of the husband's labour. Who this Mr. Cooke is, I know not, but I am sure this record of his name is more creditable than such inhuman, such brutal, and contemptible records as the following (and which one is so frequently pestered with in the papers)—

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" Pere Bourdaloue, the best preacher France ever produced, consecrated the latter part of his life to the service of the hospitals, the poor, and the prisoners, and by his pathetic discourses and engaging manners, procured for them very bountiful aims. If the discourses of our enriched and wealthy bishops, are not so pathetic as those

those of this good father, and if their manners are not quite so engaging, yet, whoever visits the *cottages of the poor* in their dioceses, in the inclement months of winter, and views the extreme misery and forlorn uncheerful-

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